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Belarus, Moldova & Ukraine Annual Appeal 2004 - Programme Update no.2. For details, please see the website at http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/01800402.pdf

Chernobyl Humanitarian Assistance and Rehabilitation Programme (CHARP) Annual Appeal 2004. For details, please see the website at http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018104.pdf

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Operational developments

In general, activities within the Appeal for 2004 were well covered, thanks to the good donor response. The main donors were the British Government/Department for International Development (DFID) and the Austrian, Danish, Finnish, Irish, Norwegian, Swedish, Swiss and New Zealand Red Cross Societies. The donor response was higher in traditional areas (i.e. HIV/AIDS/Tuberculosis related activities, disaster management); whereas programmes new for the 2004 Appeal (i.e. street children in Moldova) did not receive funding.

In 2004, Belarusian, Moldovan and Ukrainian Red Cross Societies prioritized activities in order to improve health, quality of life and life expectancy of the most vulnerable in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, particularly among HIV risk groups and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Disaster management (DM) was also a priority and regarded as a means of contributing to the region-wide disaster preparedness and response effort. In 2004, the DM programme was focused on improving disaster preparedness and response skills of Red Cross staff and volunteers through vulnerability and capacity assessment, training, competitions and first aid education, as well as further development of Red Cross infrastructure, including creation of a disaster preparedness (DP) centre in Ukraine.

Last year was marked by developing close cooperation of three National Societies with local and international non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Owing to the successful application to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Belarus Red Cross medical social centres (MSC) and visiting nurses service (VNS) will be involved in grant implementation in 2005. Since autumn 2004, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society has been implementing a joint project with All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (AUNP) on home based care. The project itself, unique for Ukraine and post-Soviet republics, is aimed at social support and nursing aid of the most vulnerable people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), who are staying at home.

Overall analysis of the National Societies' performance in 2004 shows their commitment to further assist the most vulnerable in Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova, as well as to increase self-reliance and the capacity of the National Societies and the communities they serve. In the coming years, this approach will help to shift from short-term relief assistance to long-term sustainable support and to lessen the dependency of National Societies to external funding.

Objectives, Achievements, and Constraints

Health and care

Overall goal: To improve the health status of the communities in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine .

HIV/AIDS objective: The Red Cross National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine have the capacity to contribute effectively to the regional and countrywide response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. (For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross effectively addresses both the epidemic, through youth peer education and harm reduction, and HIV/AIDS related discrimination.

The peer education project is a continuation of the previous work of the Belarus Red Cross in the field of HIV prevention and is regarded as one of the key activities of the National Society. It is built around a dedicated team of trained volunteers delivering education to their peers. This approach transfers knowledge and teaches life skills resulting in a change of behaviour among beneficiaries and in reduction of stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS.

The needle exchange service adds to the fight against AIDS by providing clean syringes and practical advice on HIV/AIDS to intravenous drug users (IDUs) who currently account for over 70% of all registered HIV/AIDS cases in Belarus.

Belarus Red Cross, with active participation of the Red Cross volunteers, organised a series of events dedicated to the World AIDS Day. The events took place in all the six regional capitals and were highlighted by local mass media.

In Moldova:

Expected result: Moldova Red Cross effectively addresses both the epidemic, through youth peer education and harm reduction, and HIV/AIDS related discrimination.

Peer to peer education, including role play, is one of the ways in which the Moldova Red Cross is getting safe behaviour and anti-stigma messages across to the nation's youth. The peer education programme has expanded through training of new peer educators who now provide peer education classes in Benderi, Soroca and Ungheni. In the future, through introduction of mobile teams of peer educators, Moldova Red Cross plans to expand its peer education work to rural areas where children have less access to information about HIV/AIDS issues.

Moldovan Red Cross is actively participating in harm reduction activities through its needle exchange centre in Benderi, Transdnistria, which has been operational since January 2004.



Ukrainian Red Cross president, Dr Ivan Usichenko, places a candle on the "red ribbon" in solidarity with people living with AIDS

In Ukraine:

Expected result: Ukrainian Red Cross effectively addresses both the epidemic, through youth peer education, and HIV/AIDS related discrimination.

In 2004, Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) continued activities aiming to improve health, quality of life and life expectancy of the most vulnerable in Ukraine, particularly among HIV risk groups and people living with HIV/AIDS.

For the World AIDS Day, the URCS National Committee, with Kiev Red Cross branch and the

Federation's Kiev Representative Office, organized a candle walk as well as numerous other activities due to the project "Humanitarian Values". Some 12 regional branches of URCS and Kiev city branch held their local events dedicated to World AIDS Day such as an amateur theatre performance in Mykolayiv, concert in Chernivtsi, essay competitions etc.

Closer cooperation with All-Ukrainian Network of PLWHA (AUNP) was established in 2004. Since autumn, the URCS has been implementing a joint project with AUNP on home based care for PLWHA in Donetsk, Odesa, Kiev, Zaporizhzhya and Dnipropetrovsk oblast. The project itself, unique for Ukraine and post-Soviet republics, is aimed at social support and nursing aid for the most vulnerable PLWHA who are staying at home.

(Please click here for a detailed update of activities in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine during the reporting period)

Regional:

Expected result: The Federation delegation facilitates an effective mechanism for cross country information sharing and joint skills development in the areas of youth peer education and harm reduction and anti-discrimination work.

The planned experience exchange visit of Belarus and Ukraine Red Cross to the Moldova harm reduction programme and HIV workshop have been postponed until March 2005, due to time pressures on the National Societies in other areas. This programme is supported by DFID.

Constraints

The evaluation of the programme planned by National Societies has not been done in Ukraine and Moldova, due to the lack of funding and human resource constraints.

Home based care objective: National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine are able to provide quality home based care through a sustainable and efficient visiting nurses service (VNS)/medical-social centre (MSC) programme.



Natalia, one of the 19 inhabitants of Pinsk Charity House, was only 40 when she had a stroke. Since then, she cannot move without help from others and lost her speaking abilities

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross effectively provides care for the most vulnerable through the Pinsk Charity house.

Belarus Red Cross is focusing on improving services offered to vulnerable people at the Pinsk Charity house. Nurses' skills in providing care to chronically ill people have been improved through training, and renovation of the charity house has improved living and working conditions for both staff and patients, and enhanced the quality of daily care and medical social services offered to bedridden and handicapped elderly patients.

Project implementation has drawn attention once again to the vital role this Red Cross facility has played among the local community. Local health authorities and the government publicly recognised the value of Red Cross during a joint session of the local medical council and city executive committee.

In Moldova:

Expected result: Moldova Red Cross effectively provides home based care through its visiting nurses service.

In 2004, Moldova Red Cross significantly increased the capacity of its visiting nurses service to provide quality home based care, thanks to regular seminars, workshops and opportunities for experience exchange provided to Red Cross nurses and volunteers. Moldova Red Cross ensures that the most vulnerable people receive their support through a system of research, interview, and assessment, conducted with assistance of local authorities.

However, although Moldova Red Cross and Federation have been taking efforts to make the visiting nurses service more sustainable, it still remains very much dependent on external funding. Global Fund support to VNS salaries ended in September 2004, which puts the National Society in a highly precarious situation and may lead to the collapse of VNS in 2005. The National Society and Federation plan to utilise savings made in 2004 in order to sustain MSCs for 5 months in 2005. This project is funded by the Norwegian Red Cross.

(Please click here for a detailed update of activities in Belarus and Moldova during the reporting period)

TB objective: The incidence rate of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) among young inmates is reduced

In Ukraine:

Expected result: Ukrainian Red Cross is effectively implementing a TB prevention programme for 500 young inmates.

At present, the URCS is the only humanitarian organisation providing prevention and information activities among imprisoned youth.

In 2004, the Ukraine Red Cross implemented a project in the penal colonies for youth in Melitopol, Zaporizhzhya Oblast (penal colony for girls) and Kovel, Volyn Oblast (penal colony for boys) in cooperation with the local administration, aiming to contribute to the health status of young inmates through preventive activities and provision of vitamins, minerals and hygiene kits. In addition, the programme addressed the stigmatisation of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

(Please click here for a detailed update of activities in Ukraine during the reporting period)

Disaster Management

Overall goal: To mitigate the impact of disasters, including population movement and socio-economic crisis, on communities in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine *(For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)*

Disaster Management objective: The National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine have strengthened their capacity to prepare for and respond quickly and efficiently to disaster situations *(For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)*

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross is effectively implementing disaster management programmes.

Over the years, the Swiss Red Cross has been one of the donors committed to providing every kind of assistance possible to the most vulnerable population in Belarus. In 2004, Swiss Red Cross donated CHF 90,000, earmarked to relieve the plight of the most in need in Belarus.

Belarus Red Cross is providing support to lonely elderly and/or disabled people through provision of 4,752 food parcels (1,188 per region) to the target beneficiary group in 4 regions (Gomel, Grodno, Mogilev and Vitebsk). Due to complications in tender and procurement procedures, the programme has been delayed. The distribution of these

food parcels was finally completed in February 2005, thus, providing a sufficient nutrition supplement to the scarce ration of the vulnerable during the harsh winter months.

In addition, DFID funded a half-year project titled “Belarus – Disaster Management/Disaster Response Team”. (For further details, please refer to the First Aid section below).

In Moldova:

Expected result: Moldova Red Cross is effectively implementing disaster management programmes.

In 2004, Moldova Red Cross implemented part of the disaster preparedness and management programme outlined in the appeal 2004, with a focus on addressing the immediate needs of the most vulnerable through provision of 18,250 hot meals, 2260 hygienic kits and 2000 food parcels. With funding from Department for International Development in Great Britain (DFID), Moldova Red Cross initiated a capacity building component of the disaster management programme and completed a Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) at the national level. As a result, four districts were selected for community-based disaster preparedness work, including VCA process at local level.

In Ukraine :

Expected result: Ukraine Red Cross is effectively implementing a disaster management programme.

This programme is currently funded by DFID. The programme is expanding the National Society’s capacity, enabling more effective preparation and equipping of Red Cross rescue teams for their further active participation in activities to support people affected by disasters, as well as additional equipping (fire extinguishing and water supply equipment) of the disaster preparedness centre.

As a result of continued training and modernizing of the rescue centre, the National Society is in a position to respond quickly and efficiently at times of disaster throughout Ukraine. For example, when the explosions happened at the munitions dump in Southern Ukraine, Red Cross was one of the first organisations on the scene, providing psychological support, organizing distribution of Red Cross relief stocks and locally donated relief goods and conducting a fundraising campaign. Financial support from the Federation’s disaster emergency relief fund (DREF) was later provided. Large scale involvement in emergency situations reflects the National Society’s capacity and further strengthens its experience and skills base.

[\(Please click here for a detailed update of activities in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine during the reporting period\)](#)

Regional:

Expected result: The Federation delegation has supported installation of a cross country response mechanism involving all three National Societies and facilitated regional skills-building in international standards.

The dialogue on regional disaster response capacity and updating the National Societies’ knowledge on international procedures and standards was carried out on a regular basis since June 2004, with the arrival of a regional Disaster Management Officer to Minsk. A questionnaire was prepared and agreed with Belarus Red Cross, which will enable to assess disaster preparedness and response capacities of local branches.

In September, a sub-regional workshop on disaster management and vulnerability and capacity assessment took place in Minsk for 25 focal persons from Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus Red Cross Societies, and one representative each from Russian Red Cross and Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent. The majority of the participants were heads of regional Red Cross committees and representatives of headquarters. This cross-country programme is supported by DFID.

In October, the Minsk delegation organized a round table meeting to promote the International Disaster Day and the first launch of the Federation’s World Disaster Report 2004 in Belarus. In addition to the presentation of the World Disaster Report, round table participants reviewed the experience of the Emergency Ministry of Belarus and the Head of Delegation gave a presentation on Belarus Red Cross disaster management activities. The United

Nations Development Programme (UNDP) presented its project on assistance to local communities of Belarus and UNDP activities in the areas of sustainable development and emergency situations management.

Impact

The workshop on disaster management and vulnerability and capacity assessment supported Belarusian, Moldovan and Ukrainian Red Cross in identifying their capacities to effectively address disaster situations and ability to contribute to the regional response capacity.

First Aid objective: National Societies of Belarus and Ukraine have the capacity to effectively implement first aid programmes.

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross effectively implements first aid programmes.

This programme is currently supported by DFID. First Aid training remains a priority for the National Society as an integrated part of its health programmes. During the reporting period, Belarus Red Cross trained 1,000 individuals from the target group in first aid, and designed and published information materials on first aid. The presidential Directive, issued in 2004, which gives special attention to matters of industrial safety, disaster preparedness, prevention of accidents and appropriate emergency training, has strengthened cooperation between Belarus Red Cross and various governmental institutions and organizations, such as police departments, rescue departments, schools, and health institutions.

In the first half of 2004, Belarus Red Cross created a disaster management/ disaster response team which launched a mass media campaign for volunteer recruitment. Volunteers were encouraged to join Red Cross through adverts placed in newspapers and on internet sites, and information broadcast on radio and television.

In Ukraine:

Expected result: Ukraine Red Cross effectively implements first aid programmes.

The project was not implemented, due to the lack of funds. Therefore, the Delegation elaborated a new approach to these activities and a modified First Aid project was placed into the Federation's Annual Appeal for 2005. The experience collected by Red Cross branches shows that in order to improve the programme, there is a need to establish training centres in Red Cross medical social rooms, and there is a deep need for reference books to be provided to course participants. The objective of the URCS is to ensure that first aid knowledge and skills of population are enhanced through quality training.

(Please click here for a detailed update of activities in Belarus and Ukraine during the reporting period)

Population Movement objective: National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine effectively address issues related to population movement. (For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross is effectively implementing refugee programmes.

No funding has been received. The Minsk delegation and Belarus Red Cross continue to seek financial support for implementation of this programme.

In Ukraine:

Expected result: Ukraine Red Cross is effectively implementing programmes for undocumented migrants.

The project was not implemented, due to the lack of funds. However, relief items supplied in 2003 continued to be distributed to detained migrants throughout the winter months of 2004. Besides, in September 2004, the Finnish Red Cross supplied clothing to Zakarpatye Red Cross branch, some of which was also distributed to undocumented migrants (304 people in total) in detention camps in Mukachevo and Chop.

The Ukraine Red Cross seeks funding to implement this programme, especially in light of the new European Union (EU) borders (areas in Western Ukraine now border three EU countries), which are expected to lead to an increasing numbers of transit migrants. Taking into consideration the fact that the Population Movement project did not receive any funding in 2004, the Delegation and National Society modified their approach to this sphere of activities. Along with social assistance, the URCS is going to add health care services and psychological support to the services it provides for this most vulnerable group. This is reflected in the Federation's Annual Appeal for 2005 (*For further details, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf*)

Regional:

Expected result: The Federation delegation has facilitated cross country experience exchange and assessment of possibilities to address the issue of human trafficking.

A regional one-day workshop on the issue of trafficking for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine took place in Kiev in May 2004. The workshop was facilitated by a Federation's expert on trafficking, Zholt Dudas, and funded by DFID. A generic proposal on Human Trafficking was developed by the Delegation and became the basis for the trafficking programme included in the Appeal for 2005 (*For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf*).

In December 2004, in Mogilev, a two-day seminar titled "Combating and Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings in the Republic of Belarus" was organized by the International Organisation of Migration (IOM) and Belarus Red Cross. The seminar brought together representatives of IOM, governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and Red Cross district organizations from Mogilev, Gomel and Vitebsk regions. The seminar will be followed by a series of other regional seminars targeting all 116 Red Cross district organizations. IOM initiated the cooperation with Belarus Red Cross in order to broaden its existing network, thus, contributing to awareness raising as well as victim identification and assistance in Belarus.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: The level of tolerance, mutual understanding and respect for human beings is increased in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine by a greater dissemination of humanitarian values and fundamental principles.

Objective: Red Cross/ Red Crescent humanitarian values and fundamental principles are promoted within the National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, its volunteers and partners, and disseminated to the general public (*For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf*)

In Moldova:

Expected result: Moldova Red Cross effectively implements a humanitarian values and fundamental principles programme targeting youth and women on both banks of Nistru.

The promotion of humanitarian values is an integral part of key National Society programmes, such as youth peer education, disaster management and home based nursing care. Moldova also receives support from ICRC for dissemination and tracing activities, and Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL), in which fundamental principles of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and humanitarian values are key components.

(Please click here for a detailed update of activities in Moldova during the reporting period)

Regional:

Expected result: The general public in targeted regions of Russia, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine are equipped with the necessary knowledge to change their perceptions, attitudes and behaviour towards people living with HIV/AIDS and all from of discrimination.

In addition to expanding youth peer education, the focus in 2004 was on harm reduction and advocacy campaigns against stigma and discrimination. The Federation assisted the National Societies in providing technical expertise, developing effective communication with public authorities and communities to influence reduction of

discrimination in the community, and establishing partnerships with people living with HIV/AIDS. A regional anti-stigma and anti-discrimination campaign was organized to promote World AIDS Day on the 1st of December as well as printing 74,000 postcards based on the design of the International Red Cross Red Crescent campaign “You CAN get AIDS by...” and their dissemination in Chisinau, Moscow, Minsk and Kiev through “Fly Cards” service. These postcards and related posters were printed and distributed in December 2004 and proved extremely popular among young people, according to a survey conducted by the distribution company. The National Societies have also worked with central and regional TV and radio stations to ensure free rotation of anti stigma clips.

Furthermore, Moldova Red Cross printed 20,000 booklets titled “AIDS – invisible diseases” and purchased 6,720 condoms for distribution at public events, and conducted a workshop for media representatives on the issues of HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination. This cross-country programme is currently supported by DFID.

The Belarus Red Cross continues to implement its programme “Exploring Humanitarian Law” supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and has expanded related activities to more secondary schools in the country. The subject has been formally included in the school curriculum as a faculty course

Constraints

Programme implementation was slightly behind schedule, mainly due to staffing constraints in the Delegation and delayed transfer of funds to Moldova Red Cross National Society. The Federation has been requested to carry forward part of the programme funds to 2005. The activities in the field will be accomplished by 1st of April, 2005.

Organisational Development

Goal: The needs of the most vulnerable people are effectively met by National Societies of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, through their strengthened capacities.

Financial management objective: National Societies in Belarus and Ukraine have improved their financial management and accountability to stakeholders (*For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf*)

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross has an appropriate finance system connecting headquarters and oblast branches.

This programme is currently funded by DFID and this is the second year of the project implementation in Belarus. The National Society has reviewed its accountancy software. Following the review’s recommendations, new software was installed in Gomel and Vitebsk Red Cross branches and finance staff was trained in using it. The installation has contributed to the development of an effective, modern information exchange that will facilitate improved performance in programming, reporting and monitoring. The software also reduces the amount of manual labour required to maintain professional accounting records. However, due to lack of funding, the installation of the above software was accomplished in two out of six regional branches, namely the Belarus Red Cross Gomel and Vitebsk regional branches.

Belarus Red Cross developed and launched a website in Russian (www.belredcross.org) and the translation of the website into English has been completed in early February, 2005. The bilingual website will ensure that information about current Red Cross activities and fundraising drives reaches a wider audience.

In Ukraine:

Expected result: Ukraine has an appropriate finance system connecting headquarters and oblast branches.

During the reporting period, the Ukrainian Red Cross, with support from DFID funding, trained accountants on how to use the new equipment and software purchased and installed following an analysis of the existing accountancy systems and the requirements of URCS finance department. As a result, the quality of URCS financial management and reporting has improved. The new computer hardware and software has provided an effective information/communication network between most URCS branches, and seminars held have directly

improved skills and knowledge of the Red Cross finance staff and provided a forum for information sharing. The URCS headquarters and regional committees in all 25 Oblasts and Kiev City now have a new computer equipment and software. The programme aims to extend the existing computer-based financial network to key branches over the next year in order to enhance the URCS capacity to report and analyse financial information and improve the cost effectiveness and transparency of its programmes.

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Regional:

Expected result: The Federation delegation facilitates an effective system of information sharing and skills building in financial management and systems

A mid-term review was planned in both National societies (Ukraine and Belarus) covering areas of data management, soft and hardware and future feasibility to extend these programmes, and to be followed by a joint workshop to enable the National societies share and jointly analyze the findings of the two reviews and to learn from each other's success story. These plans however could not be implemented, due to the lack of funding.

Fundraising objective: National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine have improved their capacity to attract financial resources and mobilise the community to support Red Cross activities *(For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)*

In Ukraine:

Expected result: Ukrainian Red Cross adopts and successfully implements a long-term Internet fundraising strategy.

In the area of effective on-line fundraising implementation, URCS now has confidence to engage in effective collaboration with fundraising partners both within and outside of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. The project has resulted in a feasibility study and development of an on-line fundraising strategy that meets URCS needs in appropriate ways. The feasibility study outlined the purpose, objectives, methodology, and limitations for URCS on-line fundraising. The results and findings defined factors influencing on-line donation, the donor community, the effectiveness of the Internet as a fundraising channel, on-line fundraising techniques, strategies that work, the size and scope of on-line giving in the context of URCS, potential public and private partnerships, methods to build the constituency and promote the image of URCS, and steps to create a primary donor base.

Implementation of the fundraising strategy is essential to ensure that the internet becomes an integral part of the overall fundraising strategy and building capacities of the URCS. By tailoring the web to the National Society and its target donors, URCS will have a forum for publicizing its special events, campaigns, reaching target audiences and will build its capacity as a self-sustainable humanitarian organization rendering continuous assistance to the most vulnerable in Ukraine. This activity is funded by DFID.

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Regional:

Expected result: National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine have developed appropriate skills in fundraising

No activities were carried to achieve this objective during the reporting period. However, funding has been received for capacity building in the three regions for 1 year, starting from January 2005. Ukrainian Red Cross has also continued to develop an online fundraising strategy (Please see above for further details).

Project development objective: Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine Red Cross Societies are providing better and more relevant services to the community through better planning *(For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)*

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross has built up its own capacity in project planning (based on PPP methodology) in combination with coaching of branches.

The major objective set within the project “Belarus – Organisational Development Strengthening Project Planning Process” funded by DFID was to have a key group of 23 trained focal persons able to facilitate coaching of branches throughout the Red Cross Society and help them drafting relevant project proposals to donors. To meet this objective and according to the programme implementation plan, the necessary 3 days training for PPP co-facilitators was carried out in Minsk in March 2004. During the reporting period, 3 more Project Planning Process (PPP) trainings were held for a total of 60 people in 4 different regions of the country.

In 2002, the process, supported by Capacity Building Fund, was put in place to separate governance and management with the structure of the Belarus Red Cross. This has in most part now been completed in order to meet the Federation’s standards of a well functioning National Society.

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Regional

Expected result: The Federation delegation has facilitated a support system for project planning and joint PPP skills building in combination with coaching of branches.

A regional mechanism on information exchange and joint PPP skills building was not established, due to the lack of funds.

Youth objective: National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine have strengthened their youth sections, enabling them to carry out effective services and programmes that improve the lives of vulnerable people.

Regional:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross and Moldova Red Cross are developing Youth Red Cross through youth activities e.g. youth peer education programme

Youth are actively involved in the peer education and disaster management programmes (For further information on meeting this objective, please refer to the **Health and Care** and **Humanitarian Values** section of this report)

National Society management objective: Effective and relevant programmes that improve the lives of vulnerable people through strengthened management capacity of Moldova Red Cross.

Moldova

Expected result: Moldova Red Cross has an adequate and effective management.

Although the programme is fully planned and funded, it has not progressed as originally envisioned. The recruitment process of an Executive Director to separate roles and responsibilities of governance and management was delayed over the past nine months for several reasons: time consuming preparations of the National Society Congress; summer holidays period; a longer than anticipated transition period for Moldova Red Cross; difficulties in the recruitment of high calibre management; and short-term funding. Although Moldova Red Cross Presidium was approached to select an appropriate candidate for the position of Executive Director in August, the actual recruitment can only take place when long term funding and continuity of the position is secured.

The Federation and Moldova Red Cross also need more time to develop a workable model for gradual delegation of responsibility from board to management. Partner National Societies interested in this process are already involved in discussions and knowledge sharing with the Moldova Red Cross President. At a meeting in Bern in November 2004, representatives of the Red Cross societies of Austria and Switzerland, the Federation and the Moldova Red Cross President agreed that Moldova Red Cross requires a step-by-step approach to organisational development. Methods and scope for development will be determined through a systematic process of consultation between the national society headquarters and its branches.

In December, the Norwegian Red Cross was approached with a request to carry forward CHF 39,533 from this programme to 2005. In 2005, these funds will also enable Moldova Red Cross and the Federation to cover the gap between the current and next year funding allocations, thus, ensuring continuity of key programme activities and staff.

Sustainability of medical-social centres objective: National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine are able to provide quality home based care through a sustainable and efficient visiting nurses service/ medical-social centre programme.

In Belarus:

Expected result: Belarus Red Cross effectively implements a programme to define and improve quality standards in visiting nurses service (VNS)/medical social centres (MSC) and increase sustainability.

During the reporting period, Belarus Red Cross defined a 2 year action plan and 5 year strategy for development of its VNS. The existing VNS was evaluated and training was provided to nurses already working on the programme without professional qualifications. Belarus Red Cross also developed standards of a well functioning MSC and indicators for quality home based care. To guarantee future sustainability of the programme, Belarus Red Cross organised training days for staff on marketing and fundraising skills and developed a related programme.

Programme implementation has had a positive impact on the existing services – 5% of MSCs, supported by local authorities, are now meeting the standards of a well functioning MSC; VNS beneficiaries are benefiting from higher quality service as a result of training for nurses. Although there was initial reluctance among regional heads of VNS to recognise the need for reform within the existing service, promotion and support of VNS development from Belarus Red Cross and other National Red Cross Societies was successful.

In Moldova:

Expected Result: Moldova Red Cross effectively implements a programme to define and improve quality standards in visiting nurses service/medical social centres.

Moldova Red Cross initiated activities in July, with funding from DFID. During the reporting period, Moldova Red Cross conducted an evaluation of the existing visiting nurses service. The October sub-regional workshop on home-based care in Kiev provided a platform for valuable experience exchange, enabling Moldova Red Cross to learn the results and apply the methodology of the sociological survey on VNS conducted in Ukraine.

Moldova Red Cross is actively sharing experience with Ukrainian Red Cross and applying methodology successfully used in Ukraine to reform the VNS. In addition, the National Society is working with partner National Societies and other NGOs to create sustainable, effective VNS/MSCs.

In Ukraine:

Expected Result: Ukrainian Red Cross effectively implements a programme to define and improve quality standards in visiting nurses service/medical social centres and to provide home based care through its visiting nurses service.

Ukrainian Red Cross has developed its VNS strategy based on the results of the sociological survey conducted in 10 selected pilot regions among 200 bedridden patients supported by VNS, 200 regular visitors to MSCs and 376 visiting nurses. Changes made to improve the quality and effectiveness of the VNS and MSCs include the following: the workload of one visiting nurse was decreased from 8-10 patients to 4-6 patients per day; visiting nurses will conduct their work at MSCs during working hours; Ukrainian Red Cross will provide reliable social insurance for visiting nurses; and 70 nursing kits were delivered to the ten pilot regions.

Ukrainian Red Cross is monitoring the implementation of these changes in the pilot regions in order to assess their impact on strengthening the VNS infrastructure and improving the quality of the service offered to vulnerable people.

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Regional

Expected result: Improved quality of assistance to the targeted beneficiaries in selected regions of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, through a strengthened visiting nurses service network, exchange of experience and knowledge sharing between the three National Societies.

In October, Belarusian, Moldovan and Ukrainian Red Cross Societies' representatives attended a workshop on the approaches and findings of the review of the VNS/MSD conducted in Ukraine and Belarus in April and June 2004, as well as the development of quality standards and consequently of capacity building plans. In addition, a brochure on quality standards and best practices in Belarus and Ukraine was being prepared for printing in Ukraine in early March 2005. However, it was decided to postpone the printing of the brochure as its context was not approved by National Societies and VNS experts. It is planned now to print out some 100 experimental copies and distribute them to relevant parties for their approval and feedback. After feedback is collected, the Delegation will see whether the brochure is useful at all, and what users would like to see in the next improved issue. This cross-country programme is currently funded by DFID.

Coordination, Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships

Goal: Well functioning National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine work effectively together with other partners within and outside the Movement and provide responsive, high quality and sustainable services to their vulnerable communities.

Objective: The delegation is providing efficient and cost effective coordination based on the available resources (For more project background, go to: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf)

Minsk Delegation represents the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine and assists the Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine Red Cross Societies. The Delegation is as well responsible for the International Chernobyl programme for Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.

The Federation delegation continued to further intensify its co-ordination and management efforts. Regular individual meetings with the presidents of the Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine Red Cross were undertaken in order to ensure that the Federation services are relevant and responsive to national societies' needs. Ongoing contacts and information sharing were maintained with DFID and the partner Red Cross National Societies of Austria, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, and USA.

During the reporting period, several important delegations visited the region, including the following: Swedish Red Cross (to identify possible areas for future cooperation); Danish Red Cross (to monitor the Regional Youth Development Programme and attend the Youth workshop); and Danish Red Cross volunteers (to monitor programmes funded by Danish Red Cross, i.e. Youth against HIV/AIDS and distribution of second-hand clothes). Reviews were also conducted of the Youth against HIV/AIDS programme (British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross Youth Delegate, Belarus Red Cross and Kiev office health adviser); and DFID four year partnership programme (DFID partnership coordinator and external consultant) to assess progress of the Partnership; to determine whether the Partnership framework remains relevant to the priorities of each organisation in light of a changing external and internal environment, and make recommendations accordingly; to review current Partnership management arrangements and recommend changes as necessary.

International Representation and Advocacy

Goal: The work of the National Societies of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, the Federation and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement receives adequate recognition among the respective governments, international organisations and the international community.

Objective: The Federation delegation effectively represents and advocates on behalf of the national societies, the Federation and the Movement, obtaining programme support and raising its profile (*For more project background, please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/018004.pdf*)

A new Head of Minsk Delegation was appointed in October 2004 and a new Federation representative joined the Kiev office in July. Since then, the Federation has increased its role in all areas of international representation and advocacy in the region. The head of delegation, federation representative and national staff have participated in meetings with international organizations and authorities of the three countries, using the existing fora to advocate the Federation's initiatives including HIV/AIDS prevention.

In May 2004, the second partnership meeting was organised in Kiev in co-operation with the Russia delegation, which supported an intensive dialogue of Partner National Societies with Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine Red Cross Societies. The delegation had the opportunity to communicate directly with donors and to provide feedback on current programmes in the region.

The Minsk delegation and Kiev representative office continue to support Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian Red Cross with technical advice, coordination support and representation at the national and international level. Meetings with delegation and national society staff were held on a regular basis and efforts were made to facilitate a dialogue between the region and partner national societies. Main events included the launch of the Federation World Disasters Report and Appeal 2005 in Minsk in October and the launch of the Appeal 2005 in Kiev in December (delayed in Kiev, due to demonstrations following the second round of Presidential elections), World AIDS day. The Federation is also a prominent member of the International Chernobyl Research and Information Network (ICRIN), a United Nations initiative with the objective to support the ongoing international, national and civil society efforts towards the sustainable development of the affected territories of Belarus, Russian Federation and Ukraine. Through its membership of the ICRIN Steering Committee, the Federation participates directly in governing of the Network's initiatives, its strategies, approving implementation plans and other related vital activities.

Although the Delegation has experienced a negative funding trend in the past, this trend was reversed in 2003 and 2004. National societies in the region are increasingly seen by relevant international organisations as local actors deserving programme support. TACIS offices in Belarus and Chisinau are very supportive towards efforts to apply for financial support under the budget line TACIS IBPP (Institution Building Partnership Programme) provided by the European Union. In April, a TACIS application was submitted by the French and Moldova Red Cross and successfully approved in March 2005. A second TACIS application has been prepared by the consortium of Austrian, German, Swiss and Belarus Red Cross societies. This application, unfortunately, did not receive TACIS approval.

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The financial report is attached below. Please click [here](#) to return to the title page and contact information

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
Appeal	M04AA080
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Budget (A)	661'603	791'838	115'004	450'529	306'396	2'325'370
Opening Balance (B)	55'886	113'951	30'663	156'647	17'389	374'537
Income						
Cash contributions						
Austrian Red Cross	23'393				11'233	34'625
British Red Cross	293'584	152'644	106'850	174'522	2'308	729'909
Capacity Building Fund				34'840		34'840
Danish Red Cross	50'480				65'213	115'693
Finnish Red Cross		14'772				14'772
Irish Red Cross Society					3'168	3'168
New Zealand Red Cross					1'473	1'473
Norwegian Red Cross					3'000	3'000
Other	0	0	0	0		0
Swedish Red Cross					3'380	3'380
Swiss Red Cross		80'000			2'000	82'000
Cash contributions (C1)	367'457	247'416	106'850	209'362	91'775	1'022'861
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
British Government		0				0
French Red Cross					0	0
Reallocations (C2)		0			0	0
Inkind Goods & Transport						
Finnish Red Cross		329'670				329'670
Swedish Red Cross		359'878				359'878
Inkind Goods & Transport (C3)		689'548				689'548
Inkind Personnel						
Austrian Red Cross					28'688	28'688
Irish Red Cross Society					48'450	48'450
New Zealand Red Cross					22'383	22'383
Inkind Personnel (C4)					99'521	99'521
Other Income						
Service Agreements					1'529	1'529
Other Income (C5)					1'529	1'529
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C5)	367'457	936'963	106'850	209'362	192'825	1'813'458
Total Funding (B + C)	423'343	1'050'914	137'514	366'009	210'214	2'187'995

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)	55'886	113'951	30'663	156'647	17'389	374'537
Income (C)	367'457	936'963	106'850	209'362	192'825	1'813'458
Expenditure (D)	-375'659	-1'071'835	-130'968	-303'152	-168'477	-2'050'091
Closing Balance (B + C + D)	47'684	-20'920	6'546	62'858	41'737	137'904

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)		661'603	791'838	115'004	450'529	306'396	2'325'370	
Supplies								
Shelter	34'800							34'800
Clothing & textiles	33'080	2'968	586'961				589'929	-556'849
Food	255'010		49'335				49'335	205'675
Seeds,Plants	600							600
Water & Sanitation	11'555	1'477					1'477	10'078
Medical & First Aid	105'921	32'224			19'297		51'520	54'401
Teaching Materials	38'190	20'690		11'701	23'495		55'885	-17'695
Utensils & Tools	10'778							10'778
Other Supplies & Services	50'930	3'705	18'495				22'201	28'729
Total Supplies	540'864	61'064	654'792	11'701	42'791		770'348	-229'484
Capital Expenditure								
Land & Buildings	33'000		29'363				29'363	3'637
Vehicles	19'800							19'800
Computers & Telecom	103'000	2'976	2'725	1'251	29'142	309	36'403	66'597
Office/Household Furniture & Ec					4'246		4'246	-4'246
Others Machinery & Equipment					2'505	-2'505	0	0
Total Capital Expenditure	155'800	2'976	32'088	1'251	35'894	-2'196	70'013	85'787
Transport & Storage								
Storage	14'514		4'545			60	4'605	9'909
Distribution & Monitoring		957	123'261				124'218	-124'218
Transport & Vehicle Costs	49'438	12'979	12'478	2'643	10'521	3'686	42'307	7'131
Total Transport & Storage	63'952	13'936	140'284	2'643	10'521	3'746	171'130	-107'178
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	277'170			140			140	277'030
Delegate Benefits		2'044	1'528	10'293	326	111'403	125'594	-125'594
Regionally Deployed Staff	316'316							316'316
National & National Society Stal		88'873	42'398	7'630	73'988	4'444	217'333	-217'333
Consultants	114'856	5'268	2'017		2'872	1'451	11'608	103'248
Total Personnel Expenditures	708'342	96'186	45'942	18'063	77'186	117'298	354'675	353'667
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	293'109	55'645	26'344	5'881	26'885	6'488	121'243	171'866
Total Workshops & Training	293'109	55'645	26'344	5'881	26'885	6'488	121'243	171'866
General Expenditure								
Travel	60'281	1'459	80	814	1'193	3'584	7'131	53'150
Information & Public Relation	180'647	61'060	5'419	41'464	8'495	4'395	120'833	59'814
Office Costs	93'492	18'745	12'477	3'117	54'293	17'118	105'750	-12'258
Communications	60'054	7'773	4'453	1'833	5'794	23'314	43'167	16'887
Professional Fees	1'940	343			4'955	9'882	15'180	-13'240
Financial Charges	15'740	8'011	12'388	5'755	3'481	1'102	30'736	-14'996
Other General Expenses		7'928	11'692	1'043	7'193	-26'784	1'072	-1'072
Total General Expenditure	412'154	105'320	46'509	54'025	85'403	32'611	323'868	88'286
Program Support								
Program Support	151'149	24'418	59'265	8'513	19'705	10'531	122'431	28'718
Total Program Support	151'149	24'418	59'265	8'513	19'705	10'531	122'431	28'718
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		16'114	66'611	28'892	4'767		116'384	-116'384
Total Operational Provisions		16'114	66'611	28'892	4'767		116'384	-116'384
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2'325'370	375'659	1'071'835	130'968	303'152	168'477	2'050'091	275'279
VARIANCE (C - D)		285'944	-279'997	-15'964	147'377	137'918	275'279	