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In Brief

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Operational developments

Response to the appeal in 2005 has been good. The appeal coverage to date is CHF 1,860,882 (74.8% coverage). The main donors are the British government/Department for International Development (DFID), and the following National Red Cross Societies: Austrian, Danish, Finnish, Irish, Italian, Norwegian, Swedish, Swiss and New Zealand.

The table below shows the appeal coverage as of June 2005 per each core area.

| Programme/Project | Appeal Coverage Belarus | Appeal Coverage Moldova | Appeal Coverage Ukraine | Appeal Coverage Cross Country |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Health and Care | 99% | 62% | 64% | 189% |
| Disaster Management | 81% | 105% | 45% | 60% |
| Humanitarian Values | - | 65% | - | 146% |
| Organizational Development | 73% | 126% | 43% | 68% |

In Belarus, implementation of most of the programmes has been delayed, due to the late arrival of funds caused by the Presidential decree to requiring registration of all imports, even donor subsidies received as humanitarian aid, which is a process that requires some three up to 12 weeks to accomplish.

Although Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian National Societies, together with the Minsk Delegation of Federation, have been taking efforts to make the National Societies more sustainable, they still remain very much dependant on external funding.

Undoubtedly, for the Ukrainian Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the first half of 2005 was marked by the launch of the global anti-stigma campaign called 'Come closer...' to coincide with the Eurovision Song Contest in Kiev, Ukraine. By targeting young people, the Ukrainian Red Cross wants to get its message across to those who are most at risk, as HIV infection rates among teenagers and young adults continue to rise at an alarming rate in Ukraine.

Financed by the Federation's Media/Public Relations department, Principles and Values Department, and the Global Anti-Stigma campaign, 1,500 t-shirts, 1,000 balloons and 1,000 plastic bags were produced bearing the Come Closer logo. Three big banners were also produced and hung in high-profile venues such as the competition venue, Eurovision club and other popular clubs.

Ukrainian Red Cross volunteers were out in force on the streets of Kiev, joining an inter-agency safe-sex campaign led by the United Nations. Ukrainian Red Cross also set up a first aid tent just outside the competition venue that offered treatment for minor injuries or ailments as well as thyroid cancer screening.

In 2005, three National Societies has shown once again their strong commitment to further assist the most vulnerable in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. This year, one of the main challenges for the three national societies will be to respond to the phenomena of human trafficking. Although there are no accurate data, it is estimated that several thousands of individuals are trafficked annually from these countries. Most of the victims are women and children, who are offered work abroad but in reality, find themselves in brothels subject to various forms of exploitation. During the reporting period, Belarus and Ukrainian National Societies, with the support from International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the Danish Red Cross, have launched their anti-trafficking projects with a focus on prevention activities among the target group (senior level schoolchildren, students). Owing to the funds received from the Swedish Red Cross in May, later this year Belarus and Moldova Red Cross Societies will launch its anti-trafficking project in the regions worst hit by trafficking in human beings.

1. 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?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

In Belarus: By 1 May 2005, a total of 6,518 HIV infections have been reported in Belarus. The most vulnerable group to HIV infection is people between 15 and 29 years old (78, 1% of all HIV infected). Belarus Red Cross considers peer education activities that target this high risk group to be one of the most effective ways of halting the spread of HIV/AIDS. Due to the joint efforts of Belarus Red Cross and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS, the number of HIV cases among people aged 15-29 was reduced from 24,5% in 1996 to 5,5% in 2004 and 4,7% in the first quarter of 2005. During the first six months of 2005, the number of young people equipped with appropriate knowledge and skills to change risk behaviour regarding HIV/AIDS has been increased by 7,150 people.

With an officially estimated intravenous drug users (IDUs) population of 15,000 (in reality this figure can be 7-8 times more), Belarus Red Cross also focuses on harm reduction programme that aims to halt and control the epidemic. During the reporting period, Belarus Red Cross has expanded its harm reduction activities with an introduction of five new needle exchange centres (NEC): two in Minsk and one in each - Novopolotsk, Brest and Lida. *(Donor: DFID, Danish and Italian Red Cross Societies)*

In Moldova: The Moldova Red Cross is part of a global effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. It is one of the key players in the country promoting education on the HIV transmission and prevention, safe behaviour and issues of stigma and discrimination towards HIV positive persons.

The HIV/AIDS incidence rate in Moldova is rising to alarming levels. Currently, HIV infections are found in all regions of the country, with a national prevalence rate of 51, 46 per 100,000. The prevalence rate is much higher in some regions of the country, such as Balti region (503, 3 per 100,000), with the highest level of HIV/AIDS incidence in Europe. Last year Moldova Red Cross started its peer education activities in the city of Balti. In 2005, it is planned to open a new harm reduction centre there. In May 2005, thanks to the funding from the British Red Cross, the harm reduction centre was opened in Soroca.



The Come Closer banner at the Eurovision accreditation centre, Kiev

The harm reduction project in Bendery is well accepted by target groups. Local and national authorities recognise that the Moldovan Red Cross is playing an important role in fighting HIV/AIDS.

(Donor: Norwegian Red Cross - harm reduction and peer education activities in Bendery; Italian Red Cross - harm reduction in Bendery; Swedish Red Cross - harm reduction in Balti; British Red Cross provides support on bilateral basis to the harm reduction activities in Soroca and peer education in Balti)

In Ukraine:

In April, Ukrainian Red Cross, together with the Federation, staged the European launch of the global anti-stigma campaign called 'Come closer...' to coincide with the Eurovision Song Contest in Kiev, Ukraine. The "Come closer" campaign seeks to address the continuing marginalisation of people living with and

affected by HIV/AIDS with messages such as 'Talk to me! You cannot get HIV by talking' and 'Shake my hand! You cannot get HIV by shaking hands!'

In 2005, following the recommendations from the Ukrainian AIDS Control Center, the Ukrainian Red Cross expanded its project activities to the southern and eastern oblasts (Odeskaya, Zaporozhsakya, Poltavskaya, Kirovogradskaya, Harkovskaya, Cherkaskaya and the Autonomous republic of Crimea) which form a continuous belt of high HIV/AIDS prevalence.

In addition, Ukrainian Red Cross continues contributing to the health status of young inmates through preventive activities and provision of vitamins, minerals and hygiene kits. (*Donor: DFID*)

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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

A sub-regional three-day workshop on Harm Reduction/Peer Education was held in the end of March in Bendery, Moldova. 32 people from Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian National Societies participated in the workshop. Participants discussed achievements and problems faced by the National Societies in 2004. The concepts of outreach as the most effective ways of halting HIV transmission through sharing injecting equipment and behavioral change were discussed. Participants also visited the needle exchange centre and peer-to-peer workshop in Benderi.

The preparation for a six-day youth summer camp in Ukraine in July has been started. The camp will bring together more than 30 youth peer educators from Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. The following issues/skills will be mastered at the workshop through different interactive tools: peer education methods, communication skills, HIV/AIDS/sexually transmitted infections (STI) & drugs abuse prevention. (*Donor: DFID*)

Constraints : No major constraints were experienced.

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

In Belarus : Belarus Red Cross is focusing on improving services offered to vulnerable people at the Pinsk Charity house. This unique establishment ensures medico-social and psychological rehabilitation of single and destitute people suffering from chronic, difficult-to-treat diseases. Pinsk Charity House nurses systematically participate in trainings and re-trainings organized by the Belarus Red Cross and Federation. However, the Pinsk Charity House's financial situation remains difficult, despite some funding last year from the Austrian Red Cross. The recent allocations from the Austrian Red Cross have secured salaries for 6 nurses of the charity house until the end of 2005. The Minsk Delegation of Federation is continuing to seek funds for the Pinsk Charity House. (*Donor: Austrian Red Cross*)

In Moldova: Due to the unstable economical situation in Moldova the National Society remains very much dependant 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 carried over this year savings made in 2004 to sustain medical social centres (MSC) for 5 months in 2005. During reporting period, financial support to the nurses was partly ensured through relevant programme activities with funding from the Norwegian and British Red Cross Societies.

In May 2005, thanks to the funding received from the Norwegian Red Cross, 19 visiting nurses resumed providing their assistance to the lonely elderly, bedridden and chronically ill patients. (*Donor: Norwegian Red Cross*)

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

Expected result: Ukrainian Red Cross effectively contributes to HIV/TB prevention among young inmates in prisons.

Ukrainian Red Cross is implementing limited activities to meet this objective. Ukrainian Red Cross, in cooperation with the local administration in Mykolajiv and Vinnytsya, is working 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 refer to the HIV/AIDS project above for details of project activities.*

2. 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?annual05/05AA071.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?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

In Belarus: In 2005, with funding from DFID, Belarus Red Cross initiated a capacity building component of the disaster management (DM) programme. With the support of the Federation's DM Officer and newly employed DM Officer in the Belarus Red Cross Headquarters, the National Society started to develop a Disaster Preparedness/Disaster Response (DP/DR) plan. At present, Belarus Red Cross is analysing data on susceptible Belarusian regions to various types of natural and man-made disasters in order to design the DP/DR plan. This work is carried out in close cooperation with the Ministry of Emergencies and based on hazard risk data available from the government. *(Donor: DFID)*

In 2004, the Swiss Red Cross contributed funds to purchase **4,752** food parcels for the lonely elderly but, due to complications in tender and procurement procedures, this programme had to be extended until 28 February 2005. During January-February 2005, all food parcels were distributed to the target group and were a much need source of nutrition following a long and very cold winter.

In 2005, Belarus Red Cross will continue the food parcels distribution in order to alleviate the plight of the most vulnerable communities in eight regions of the country. Allocations from the Swiss Red Cross (CHF 180,000) will enable the procurement of food parcels to be distributed to the lonely elderly in 2005. *(Donor: Swiss Red Cross)*

In Moldova: The National Society developed a concept of the Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) and completed a VCA at the national level. As a result, 4 disaster prone districts (Telenesti, Calarasi, Hincesti and Orhei) are identified in order to design future community-based activities. This work was done in close cooperation with the Ministry of Emergencies and based on hazard risk data available from the government.

During the reporting period, Moldova Red Cross has initiated the development of the National Society DP/DR plan. Risk maps for earthquakes, floods, landslides, wind storms and map of complex disaster prone areas of Moldova were prepared and will be included to the national society DP/DR plan. *(Donor: DFID)*

Thanks to the contribution from the Norwegian Red Cross, in the second half of 2005, Moldova Red Cross will start a programme providing hot meals, food and hygiene parcels to the most vulnerable. *(Donor: Norwegian Red Cross)*



Map of disaster-prone areas in Ukraine

In Ukraine: Ukraine is prone to many different types of disasters, ranging from climatic, chemical to accidents resulting from decaying infrastructure. Drowning, burns, explosions and traffic accidents also take a heavy toll. In 2005, activities within this programme are focused more on a disaster management approach and this programme includes elements of disaster preparedness for response, response support, community-based disaster preparedness and mitigation. During the reporting period, these have been achieved through further training of personnel, community-based disaster preparedness training and community-based mitigation activities. Trained volunteers ensured the dissemination of disaster preparedness/disaster response literature for communities living in disaster prone areas. (Donor: DFID)

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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

In response to the growing complexity of humanitarian disasters, the Federation is actively developing and upgrading a number of systems, tools and training strategies to ensure relevant and timely international disaster relief services. Thus, the Federation has developed and successfully tested systems such as Field Assessment and Coordination Teams (FACT), Emergency Response Units (ERU), and it has implemented a new field logistics support services. Additional tools such as the Disaster Management Information Systems (DMIS) were developed making available information for disaster preparedness and response. In addition, new rules and procedures were developed to effectively improve the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), field security, resource mobilization and appeal methodologies. The information kit of the Federation's standard procedures for International Disaster Response has been shared with all three National Societies in the region. Training on disaster management tools was organised for the Moldovan Red Cross. It is planned to hold similar trainings for the Belarus and Ukrainian Red Cross Societies in the second half of the year.

During the reporting period, Minsk Delegation has initiated the process of creating the regional Disaster Management network. The process started with a 2-day planning meeting of Disaster Management officers from three countries held in Minsk in June. Participants discussed the achievements of the programme implementation, as well as revised Disaster Management programmes for the Annual Appeal 2006-2007. The main achievement of the DM programme over the reporting period was the start up of the community based disaster preparedness activities in three regional branches of the Ukrainian Red Cross and in two branches of the Moldovan Red Cross. In addition to that, these National Societies initiated the development of the DP/DR plan.

DM officers reported on the following problems faced by the national societies during the reporting period: lack of adapted into Russian language DM educational materials for Red Cross personnel as well as standard DM educational course for NSs Headquarters' staff, poor understanding within the local communities of community based disaster preparedness (CBDP) approach and difficulties in planning and reporting.

To strengthen national society disaster management capacity building in disaster preparedness and reduction, in 2005, focus will be on disaster preparedness training. In June, DM officers from the three National Societies participated in the International Conference “Emergencies: prevention and elimination”, organised by the Ministry of Emergencies in the Republic of Belarus. At the conference, Minsk delegation’s regional DM officer made a presentation on the Disaster Management activities of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (RC/RC) Movement. (*Donor: DFID*)

Impact: All the activities implemented within the reporting period have been a baseline for creating a regional disaster management network. The Federation’s information kit on standard procedures will facilitate the involvement of three National Societies in the International Disaster Relief.

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.

In its attempts to make First Aid training a fundraising tool, Belarusian Red Cross decided to approach organizations rather than individuals with offer of First Aid training. This approach was more successful. Many Belarusian enterprises, educational institutions and organizations expressed interest in training their employees in First Aid. While training is still provided free of charge, cost-recovery is assisted by financial and in-kind support from organizations participating in the programme.

Belarus Red Cross has begun a cycle of First Aid trainings for the representatives of Emergencies Ministry. During the reporting period, two First Aid trainings for the employees of the City Disaster Management Department were organised, covering 24 participants. (*Donor: DFID*)

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 Ukrainian Red Cross Society is to ensure that first aid knowledge and skills of population are enhanced through quality training.

Population Movement objective: The National Societies in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine effectively address issues related to population movement

(For more project background on population movement please go http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf and for more project background on human trafficking please go http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

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. (For more project background please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

Ukraine

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

The project was not implemented, due to the lack of funds. 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 Ukrainian Red Cross Society has added 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 grant from the Swedish Red Cross was allocated in response to the Federation's Appeal no. 05AA071 and earmarked to implement regional anti-trafficking activities in Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. In July, the representative of the Swedish Red Cross will visit Moldova in order to assess the needs and capacities of Moldova Red Cross regarding the implementation of the anti-trafficking programme and to meet with the international and local non-governmental organisation (NGOs) involved in the field of anti-trafficking work.

In June, Minsk Delegation's cross-country anti-trafficking programme coordinator participated in the Conference in response to Human Trafficking: good practises in Europe - collaboration between civil society and law enforcement agencies, hosted by the Danish Red Cross. The conference followed by the internal RC/RC meeting, where the first year of the European RC/RC cooperation in response to human trafficking was reviewed and the priorities for the forthcoming year were determined. (*Donor: DFID and Swedish Red Cross*)

Outside the Appeal

Belarus

Owing to the funds from IOM, since the beginning of 2005, Belarus Red Cross has been actively involved in anti-trafficking activities. In all six regional capitals of Belarus (Minsk, Brest, Grodno, Vitebsk, Mogilev and Gomeļ) consultation centres "Hands of Help" were opened on the basis of medico-social centres. Red Cross personnel provide victims of trafficking with the psychological, legal and financial support. During the reporting period, the Belarus Red Cross carried out 400 educational lectures on human trafficking for more than 15,000 people, targeting youth in educational institutions.

Ukraine

The Danish Red Cross within the framework of the European RC/RC Cooperation in response to Human Trafficking submitted an application to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which received funding. The activities funded through the so-called Neighbourhood programme are multi-dimensional and among other components include concrete prevention activities in Ukraine. The project is to be executed during two years in six regions of Ukraine.

Starting from April 2005, a counter-trafficking project has been launched by the Ukrainian Red Cross. Activities under project are focused on prevention activities among the target group (senior level schoolchildren and students). Peer education training will be conducted in six regions. As a component of the project it is also envisaged to hold Tracing Expert Meeting in Kiev in September 2005 in order to elaborate a model of processing the cases dealing with trafficking in human beings (THB).

Ukrainian Red Cross has also submitted the project proposal to IOM office in Kiev. The project is focused on prevention activities in three more regions to complement the existing counter-trafficking program running in six regions. IOM expressed its interest in supporting this project. Activities under project and budget are to be finalized and the project implementation will be subsequently started.

3. Humanitarian Values

Goal: The level of tolerance, mutual understanding and respect for human being is increased in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine through the promotion of humanitarian values and a better understanding of the 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?annual05/05AA071.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 the International Committee of the Red Cross (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.

Regional

Expected result: The general public in targeted regions of Russian, 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 forms of discrimination

The activities that were planned for the first four-five months of the year were rescheduled for July-December 2005.

A five- day training of trainers (ToT) for youth peer-educators will be organised in July in Kiev. 30 participants from three national societies will take part in the training. This cross- country meeting aims to develop knowledge of participants in HIV/AIDS/STI, peer education and effective communication as well as establish cooperation and experience exchange between volunteers of three national societies. The training will be facilitated by the trainers from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kiev as well as from other organizations. (*Donor: DFID*)

4. 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?annual05/05AA071.pdf*)

In Belarus: This is the third year of the project implementation. In 2005, the Belarus Red Cross will be focusing on finalisation of the financial software component to reach the goal when an appropriate finance system connects the headquarters and eight regional branches and trained staff is available to maintain its duly operating.

The Belarus Red Cross has developed and launched a website in Russian (<http://www.belredcross.org>). The translation of the website into English has been completed in early February, thus, ensuring that information about current Red Cross activities reaches a wider audience. (*Donor: DFID*)

In Ukraine: The Ukrainian Red Cross, including its headquarters and regional committees in all 25 Oblasts and Kiev City, now has new computer equipment and software. At this level, the network for finance service of the Red Cross has been created. In 2005, the programme aims to extend the existing computer-based financial network to key branches in order to enhance the Ukrainian Red Cross capacity to report and analyse financial information and improve the cost effectiveness and transparency of its programmes. During the reporting period, 7 oblast branches were provided with upgraded accounting software. (*Donor: DFID*)

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Regional

The Federation delegation facilitates an effective system of information sharing and skills building in financial management and systems (*For more project background please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf*)

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?annual05/05AA071.pdf*)

In Ukraine: During the reporting period, URCS initiated the fulfilment of the website with information available in three languages (Ukrainian, English and Russian). The launch of the website is planned for the beginning of July. Once the URCS site is ready to go public, it will not only convey the full scope of activities in colour and multimedia formats but will also serve a recruitment site for volunteers, as the main donor recognition site, as a key news site, and as a site for virtual events. (<http://www.redcross.org.ua>)

Fundraising workshop for staff from the regional branches was organised. Participants discussed a number of issues: the analysis of fundraising activities of URCS and the ways of their improvement; the strategies for local fundraising. One of the important issues for discussions was the impact of the Internet upon the Red Cross, focusing upon its effectiveness as a fundraising mechanism, which components are successful and what needs to be in place to ensure continued success. (*Donor: DFID*)

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Regional

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

Constraints: 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 one year starting from January 2005. The present project is based on an initiative of the Ukraine Red Cross and was developed jointly with the Institute for International Business Development (IIBD) in Kiev, Ukraine.

The main objective of the project is to develop a resource basis of the three Red Cross Societies through strengthening fundraising capacity for social protection programmes with a view to support the people in need. The project will build on the practical experience and methodology in fundraising already gained by the Ukraine Red Cross through a successful two-year co-operation with the IIBD.

During the reporting period, a consultant has been appointed, which is the employee of the Institute for International Business Development who represented Ukraine Red Cross at last year's Skillshare workshop in the Netherlands.

Operational contracts have been signed with the three Red Cross National Societies. It is hoped that significant progress will be made on assessing needs and capacities and producing the manual in the second half of 2005 and that the consultant will visit all three national societies for this purpose.

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?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

In Belarus: The project "Belarus – Organisational Development Strengthening Project Planning Process" is a continuation of the 4-year commitment of the DFID partnership to fund the National Society's initiatives to develop its organisational structure and management system. The trained group of PPP will be able to facilitate coaching of branches throughout the Red Cross Society and help them drafting relevant project proposals to donors.

The first training session this year was arranged in Minsk from 30 May to 2 June to accommodate 24 participants representing the Belarus Red Cross Society's Minsk Regional and Minsk City branches. Participants of PPP training sessions have significantly strengthened their experience in planning and project drafting. While the headquarters staff members are primarily responsible for drafting project proposals, PPP training is a good opportunity for branch level staff to get acquainted with international standards and use the methodology in their reporting and local project management.

In 2005, PPP trainings will further focus on the regional and district level staff and put more emphasis on selecting appropriate participants. The facilitators will likewise make a better use of the reflections elaborated during the previous phase of PPP training and branch coaching, with all positive responses from the participants incorporated into the methodology and adapted to local needs. (*Donor: DFID*)

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 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 (*For more project background please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf*)

Expected results: Youth Red Cross movement is improved through successful networking.

Youth are actively involved in the peer education programme. *For further information on meeting this objective, please refer to the **Health and Care** section of this update.*

Outside the Appeal

The Danish Red Cross and Capacity Building Fund (CBF) secured funding for a 2-year cross-border youth integration and cooperation programme. The programme was launched in February 2005 by the Danish Red Cross



Youth from Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian Red Cross Societies discuss the ways of better involvement of youth in the work of National Societies

Youth Delegate with technical support from the Minsk Delegation and ICRC Delegation staff in Kiev. The current project supports the Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian Red Cross to establish platform for sustainable cooperation among Youth sections in the region and successful integration of Youth sections to the National Societies finalized to improve youth programmes. The project will also facilitate motivating youth to be more actively involved in the work of National Societies, developing Youth Strategies and gradually integrating youth in national societies' governing bodies.

During the reporting period, all three National Societies have established working groups on developing Youth policy and National Societies' youth programmes.

Youth need a forum to discuss their problems and share ideas. Having this in mind, the Danish Red Cross organised a regional youth meeting in Kiev in April with a participation of more than 15 youth leaders from three National Societies. During this meeting, youth leaders discussed various issues, such as programme organisational structure, regional operational plan, development of joint youth activities etc.

To strengthen youth's skills and knowledge, the programme also supports them through various training sessions. This year, the Danish Red Cross and Minsk Delegation, in cooperation with UNDP office in Kiev, organised leadership training for 20 youth leaders from three National Societies. The trained youth will, in their turn, disseminate acquired knowledge and skills to their peers in respective countries.

National Society management objective: effective and relevant programmes that improve the lives of vulnerable people through strengthened management capacity of Moldova Red Cross (*For more project background please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf*)

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

Although the programme did not progress as originally planned, it had a positive impact on the ongoing capacity building process within Moldova Red Cross.

Following the agreement from the Norwegian Red Cross to extend the programme implementation until 30 April 2005, the balance carried forward from 2004 was utilised to cover the gap between the previous and current year allocations. The activities under this extension included printing of training materials, conducting of training seminars (a workshop on marketing/fundraising, a round-table meeting on fund-raising for Red Cross directors, volunteers and visiting nurses, and computer training courses for Red Cross branches), purchase and installation of new accounting software, purchase of required equipment for Red Cross branches (four computers, five printers, eight facsimile machines, two copiers, one scanner, basic furniture and office repair works), production of visibility materials (pens, bags with Red Cross logotype) and other activities.

Constraints

The programme was difficult to implement, given the continuous delays in recruitment of the Executive Director of the Moldova Red Cross – one of the key objectives agreed with the National Society in order to strengthen their management function.

The Federation maintains the dialogue and keeps the options open with regard to supporting the Executive Director's position, however, it must be admitted that progress in this regard won't be easily achieved and a steady, concerted, context sensitive approach to this difficult issue is required from all partners. It is recommended that a greater effort should be made in this area of appointment of Executive Director and a break up of governance and management.

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 (VNS)/ Medical-Social Centre (MSC) programme (For more project background please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

In Belarus: Last year, Belarus Red Cross defined a 2- year action plan and 5- year strategy for development of its VNS. In 2005, the programme will continue focusing on quality improvement and widening of the services provided towards the lonely, elderly and disabled people, who have completely or partially lost abilities for self-service and increasing number of people included in this kind of service.

In April 2005, a workshop was held in Gomel for 18 VNS nurses from Gomel, Mogilev, Brest Regional and Railway branches. Two qualified trainers on Home based care from Mozyr and Novopolotsk regional organizations facilitated the workshop. On the results of the workshop, all nurses successfully passed state exams on home based care and were certified as nurses of second and high categories.

The newly developed internal computerised database will be distributed within the Belarus Red Cross Regional organisations. This will allow updating and modifying the VNS database at all levels and receive online information on the activities, financing, etc., and eventually leading to the VNS sustainability. (Donor: DFID)

In Moldova: The programme funds were almost fully utilized in 2004, with the exception of minimal resources which Moldova Red Cross carried forward to 2005. Together with the new allocation from DFID, these funds will be used to develop a standard of a well-functioning MSC/VNS, a quality assurance system, a nursing code and a training concept for volunteers in VNS, as well as to conduct trainings on home care and on marketing/fundraising. (Donor: DFID).

A standard of a well functioning MSC/VNS implies the development of a defined core (minimum) care and nursing core activities; defined core (minimum) social activities; minimum qualification standards for nursing staff in terms of formal qualification and additional training requirements; best financial management including cost effectiveness; minimum service indicators; minimum financial and other reporting capacity; client satisfaction. The programme is designed over three years and it would be over-ambitious to expect to have new and improved

quality standards in place after one year of programme implementation (also given the very limited funding and lack of nursing expertise in the delegation). It is hoped that a joint Federation and sister societies' effort will continue to empower Moldova Red Cross to lay the ground for improving the quality, relevance and sustainability of its VNS/MSD.

In Ukraine: Clients of Ukrainian Red Cross Society Visiting Nurses Service (VNS) are mainly lonely elderly people with specific psychological problems, as a result of the loss of close relatives, family, social environment, or from lasting chronic illness. These circumstances are complicated by the burden on the elderly population of legal issues (social benefits, testimony, inheritance procedures, etc). According to reports from VNS regional branches, in some regions of Ukraine, VNS are providing free basic legal and psychological counselling to their elderly and/or disabled clients. However, these types of services are not provided nation-wide or regularly, since they are not recognised primary VNSs. Meanwhile, the demand for legal and psychological support provided by VNS free of charge is growing rapidly. (Donor: DFID)

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

Regional

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

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

In 2004, a brochure on quality standards and best practice in Belarus and Ukraine was prepared. However, after extensive consultations with national societies and experts, it was revealed that the material developed do not meet set objectives and should be revised. To facilitate this work and finalise the development and production of the brochure, it is planned to have a working meeting in Minsk in the nearest future with the participation of the Head Nurse of the Public Health Care in Belarus and other experts from the Public Health Care institutions and representatives. (Donor: DFID)

5. 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?annual05/05AA071.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 Federation delegation continued to provide co-ordination and management of partner support to the three National Societies. Regular individual meetings with the secretary general of the Belarus Red Cross, and presidents of Moldova and Ukraine Red Cross were undertaken in order to ensure that the Federation services are relevant and responsive to national societies' needs. The Minsk delegation also supported the three national societies with technical advice and follow-up help. 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: Danish Red Cross desk officer (to monitor the Regional Youth Development Programme), Austrian and Swiss Red Cross Societies (to work with the Belarus Red Cross on a TACIS bilateral VNS programme. A delegate will join the Belarus Red Cross in August to assist in the implementation of this programme), and the head of ICRC delegation to Kiev.

In March, an evaluation of the Chernobyl Humanitarian Assistance and Rehabilitation Programme (CHARP) programme was carried out. The team consisted of a representative of the Netherlands Red Cross, a health expert from Ukraine and a Federation representative.

In April, Coordinator of European RC/RC Cooperation in Response to Human Trafficking from the Danish Red Cross visited Ukraine. During the visit, several meetings with major stakeholders including meetings with representatives of Ministry of Interior, State Department on Nationalities and Migration, La-Strada Ukraine and IOM took place. The latter provides consultation and information support to the activities of Ukrainian Red Cross. IOM liaison officer for maintaining cooperation between the two organizations in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine was appointed.

Head of Europe Department Lynette Lowndes, Regional Officer Miro Modrusan and Head of Delegation Warwick Inder visited Moldova Red Cross in May. Meetings were organised with the Minister of Health and Head of Mission of IOM. Both meetings provided new cooperation and funding opportunities for the Moldova Red Cross.

A bilateral French Red Cross delegate arrived to Moldova in the beginning of May to manage a TACIS-supported project aiming to strengthen the Moldova Red Cross through capacity building and development of Red Cross voluntary service. The project contains many areas (e.g. peer education, visiting nurses, education materials, public events, national society capacity building), where the Federation and other partners are also working together with Moldova Red Cross and where sharing information and experiences is essential to avoid duplication and improve the efficiency of activities, as well as impact on beneficiaries. From the very start, the selection of pilot areas and other work are being done in close collaboration between the French Red Cross and Federation delegation.

In April 2005, TV crew from New Zealand visited Belarus. The journalists prepared video materials on the work of Pinsk Charity House, mobile diagnostic laboratories (MDLs) and ant-trafficking activities of the Belarus Red Cross. The work of the NZ TV crew resulted in a 30-minute film which will be demonstrated in New Zealand and Australia.

6. 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 profile (For more project background please go to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA071.pdf)

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.

Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian Red Cross National Societies, together with the Federation, continue actively campaigning against stigma and discrimination, as part of their work to promote humanitarian values and protect human dignity. Main event over the reporting period was the launch of the global anti-stigma campaign called 'Come closer...' in Kiev, Ukraine. The 'Come closer...' campaign, staged by the Ukrainian Red Cross jointly with the Representative office in Kiev, is part of the International Federation's Global Anti-stigma Campaign, 'The truth about AIDS. Pass it on...', which seeks to address the continuing marginalisation of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS with messages such as 'Hug! Hug! You cannot get HIV by hugging' and 'Touch! Touch! You cannot get HIV by touching!' The campaign has been proven to increase awareness of Red Cross activities and increase its lobbying on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS.

During the period under review, regular contacts were maintained with major regional donors and representatives of the international community in Belarus and Ukraine, including UNDP, United States Agency for International

Development (USAID), TACIS, World Health Organisation (WHO), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), World Bank, Swiss Development Cooperation, Global Fund, IOM and embassies, in order to ensure proper Federation representation and to discover possible funding opportunities for the National Societies.

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PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.(s) selected: 01.71/2005

Delegation code(s) selected: BY, UA, ZZ

| PROGRAMME: | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | Emergency | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | CHF | CHF | CHF | CHF | CHF | CHF | CHF |
| Shelter | 0 | 9,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9,900 |
| Construction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clothing & Textiles | 21,750 | 16,925 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38,675 |
| Food | 7,310 | 225,170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 232,480 |
| Seeds & Plants | 0 | 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| Water & Sanitation | 5,604 | 355 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,959 |
| Medical & First Aid | 49,678 | 23,850 | 0 | 18,108 | 0 | 0 | 91,635 |
| Teaching Materials | 56,605 | 3,600 | 7,800 | 14,200 | 0 | 0 | 82,205 |
| Utensils & tools | 15,600 | 5,138 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,738 |
| Other Supplies & Services | 3,750 | 33,260 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37,010 |
| SUPPLIES | 160,297 | 318,798 | 7,800 | 32,308 | 0 | 0 | 519,202 |
| Land & Buildings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Computers & Telecom | 2,280 | 5,000 | 0 | 99,395 | 2,300 | 0 | 108,975 |
| Medical equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LAND, VEHICLES & EQUIPMEN | 2,280 | 5,000 | 0 | 99,395 | 2,300 | 0 | 108,975 |
| Storage | 0 | 13,473 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,473 |
| Distribution & Monitoring | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transport & Vehicles cost | 19,828 | 13,329 | 6,786 | 20,507 | 0 | 0 | 60,449 |
| TRANSPORT & STORAGE | 19,828 | 26,802 | 6,786 | 20,507 | 0 | 0 | 73,922 |
| International Staff | 766 | 10,856 | 1,812 | 14,567 | 276,000 | 0 | 304,000 |
| Regionally Deployed Staff | 13,140 | 0 | 0 | 11,250 | 0 | 0 | 24,390 |
| National staff | 134,624 | 67,290 | 24,317 | 86,833 | 17,813 | 0 | 330,876 |
| National Society Staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consultants | 29,657 | 20,533 | 0 | 48,423 | 0 | 0 | 98,612 |
| PERSONNEL | 178,187 | 98,679 | 26,129 | 161,073 | 293,813 | 0 | 757,879 |
| Workshops & Training | 164,677 | 90,416 | 11,580 | 115,765 | 21,780 | 0 | 404,217 |
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| Travel & related expenses | 11,316 | 2,935 | 429 | 8,160 | 1,632 | 0 | 24,472 |
| Information & Public Rela | 88,353 | 38,427 | 57,176 | 42,512 | 0 | 0 | 226,467 |
| Office Running Costs | 44,092 | 29,452 | 3,792 | 39,119 | 0 | 0 | 116,455 |
| Communication Costs | 26,615 | 10,184 | 4,388 | 15,682 | 2,250 | 0 | 59,119 |
| Professional Fees | 6,420 | 2,631 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 0 | 9,350 |
| Other General Expenses | 4,581 | 3,087 | 8,766 | 3,234 | 5,931 | 0 | 25,599 |
| GENERAL EXPENDITURE | 181,377 | 86,716 | 74,551 | 108,707 | 10,113 | 0 | 461,464 |
| Asset Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DEPRECIATION | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contributions & Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS & TRANSFERS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Programme Support | 49,125 | 43,547 | 8,818 | 37,384 | 22,803 | 0 | 161,676 |
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| TOTAL BUDGET: | 755,771 | 669,958 | 135,664 | 575,139 | 350,809 | 0 | 2,487,337 |