

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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MODELS OF COOPERATION: TOWARDS A FEDERATION OF THE FUTURE

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 181 countries. For more information: www.ifrc.org

In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA090; Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: June – December, 2005; Appeal target: CHF 1,894,032; Appeal coverage: 29.5%.

Programme summary: This appeal is based on the Secretariat's Movement Cooperation plan to assist the Federation's governance, membership and Secretariat to achieve the organization's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people" by *adapting the organization's model and functions in response to changes in the environment*. As a result of a Federation of the Future consultation meeting in Nepal in October, key priorities to strengthen cooperation and coordination within the Movement include a review and update of relevant policies, development of policy adherence mechanisms, strengthening of regional networks and structures, capacity building through a roll out of CAS, strengthening coordination mechanisms in disasters. A clear and concise work plan for cooperation has been developed to successfully address the three areas for improvement in the Federation of the Future's Framework for Action, the development of Operational Alliances, and support to the implementation of the Seville Agreement's supplementary measures. The Asian tsunami has highlighted the importance ensuring a systematic approach to the coordination of the Movement's activities in emergency and disaster response with learning being captured from the Movement Coordination Frameworks. The development of an improved Movement Cooperation website to inform and guide National Societies, delegations, and ICRC of key cooperation and coordination developments, good practice, and tools available to enhance the impact of Movement Components working together has received very positive feedback. A negotiations course adapted specifically to the Red Cross and Red Crescent, was successfully conducted in French and English for African National Societies and their Red Cross/Red Crescent partners enhancing the understanding of culture and approaches which influence partnerships.

The results of numerous events in 2005 have provided a strong foundation for successfully establishing a strong Movement Cooperation agenda for the next few years. This is described on FedNet and in the Movement Cooperation Annual of Appeal of 2006/07.

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This Programme Update reflects activities to be implemented over a one-year period. This forms part of, and is based on, longer-term, multi-year planning (refer below to access the detailed logframe documents). All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

Operational developments

The Movement Cooperation Division focused on facilitating and coordinating the Federation-wide cooperation initiatives to improve the effectiveness and impact of the Federation network. The operational directions of the division were reflected in this current appeal “New Cooperation Models: Towards the Federation of the Future (or FoF)”. The main areas of focus during 2005 were:

- the implementation of the Federation of the Future consultation process;
- review of Strategy 2010;
- further development of Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS);
- support to movement coordination in disasters particularly the tsunami response;
- leading on Federation guidance and input to the revised Strategy for the Movement;
- a new and innovative approach to the Movement Cooperation website on FedNet;
- facilitating a negotiations workshop designed to improve Red Cross and Red Crescent partnerships.

In addition, the Movement Cooperation team also played an important role in making linkages between various strategy reviews and cooperation processes within the Movement.

Goal: the International Federation adapts its model and functions in order to effectively respond to current and long-term trends in the environment and provide sustainable, responsive and focused programming and services that meet the needs of its membership and the vulnerable people they serve.

Objective 1: The Secretariat ensures coordination, support, and services to assist the Federation’s Governing Board and membership, as required and relevant, to effectively undertake the “Our Federation of the Future” consultation process and related initiatives such as the mid-term review of Strategy 2010.

Expected result: By the end of 2005, the Federation’s governance, membership and Secretariat have developed a common understanding of the issues and long-term trends that impact on the work of the Federation, and have reached a consensus and demonstrated commitment to modify the Federation model and functions and relationships within the Movement and external actors in accordance to changes in the environment.

Impact: In November 2005, International Federation’s membership took some historical decisions at the General Assembly in Seoul Korea. At the General Assembly, the membership unanimously supported the outcomes of the “Our Federation of the Future” program, and agreed to a set of measures to streamline, improve and scale up our response to the humanitarian crisis of today and be better prepared for tomorrow. As part of the outcomes of the process, the General Assembly adopted a Global Agenda for the Federation with four goals aiming the reduction of the impact of disasters and public health challenges worldwide, combat intolerance and discrimination, and build community capacity to prepare for and cope with threats to their lives and livelihoods. The International Federation's Global Agenda will contribute significantly to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the Hyogo Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The General Assembly also committed to implementing a Framework for Action to better mobilize the capacities and strengthen the overall performance, quality and accountability of the world-wide network of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of the International Federation. The aim of the Global Agenda and Framework for Action is to increase the impact of the Red Cross Red Crescent at local, national and international levels for the benefit of vulnerable people everywhere. Our focus is on helping people and communities, and on protecting and preserving human dignity in situations of crisis.

Objective 2: Coordinate the mid-term review of Strategy 2010 and ensure that the outcomes and lessons learned are shared widely within the Federation.

Expected result: Increased overall impact of the Red Cross Red Crescent’s humanitarian assistance delivery to vulnerable people everywhere with key indicators on where improvements are needed.

Impact: The mid-term review of Strategy 2010 was carried out pursuant to a resolution of the General Assembly in 2003. The findings of the Strategy 2010 review were presented to the Governing Board and integrated in the “Our

Federation of the Future” process. The review was conducted through a full process of research and consultation. The review found a very substantial degree of support for the main Strategic Directions of the Strategy, and for the focus on four Core Areas of activity. The team found that there had been progress in focusing on vulnerability, and in promoting the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values, but that this needed to be maintained and strengthened. In this sense, the mid-term review was a critical input into the “Our Federation of the Future” process. The conclusions of the review reaffirmed and supported the main actions proposed in the Federation of the Future Framework for Action, as well as contributing the main elements for a performance management framework for measuring the success of Strategy 2010 and the Global Agenda.

Objective 3: Cooperation for Capacity Building - Development and Promotion of Tools. Facilitate improvements in the Federation’s cooperation learning and continue developing and supporting Cooperation Agreement Strategy processes, in order to assist the membership to build a durable and powerful set of approaches to working together.

Expected Result: Cooperation Agreement Strategies which are widely respected and applied as a key process that enables innovative and effective cooperation within the Federation and Movement.

Impact: The enhanced CAS concept defined after wide consultations with National Societies, integrates the new areas of power reform and relational management within the Movement and external partners. Through various international and regional events and national level CAS processes the International Federation Secretariat continued to promote the enhanced CAS methodology. The methodology moves away from a document production exercise towards building the capacity of National Societies to manage their own cooperation and creating a healthier cooperation culture between Red Cross Red Crescent partners and beyond. This enhanced methodology has rekindled interest in CAS and in some countries is contributing positively to changing the cooperation environment (e.g. DR Congo, Haiti, Nepal). The new approach and definition of CAS received the support of the Governing Board in the April 2005 meeting. Guidelines to support NS to plan and implement CAS processes are currently being developed through a wide consultation process. They are expected to be ready in the beginning of 2006. The full potential of CAS has yet to be realized. Today there are 30 known CAS processes moving forward across the five regions. In several countries, CAS is starting to play an important role in fostering sustainable cooperation.

Specific Outputs for CAS in 2005

- The Secretariat is actively supporting CAS processes in 18 national societies.
- Development of workshop concept for participating national societies on cooperation attitudes and practices. Concept presented to a few selected national societies and negotiations for scheduling of workshops in these societies is ongoing.
- Pilot research on Movement power relations in Sudan and cooperation practices studied in East Africa. national societies were invited to share their learning from the implementation process.
- Guidelines for improved cooperation – CAS, drafted and consulted widely with the Movement.
- FedNet (intranet) CAS site has been updated and incorporated into the new Movement Cooperation website with case studies from around the world, workshop modules, communication resources, coordination tools, learning from other organizations and research papers.
- The Movement Cooperation Division works with the Organizational Development Department in order to develop a common approach to relationship development and management component, of the national societies. Close cooperation with ICRC is leading to the development of common understanding of cooperation challenges for the national societies.

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Models of Cooperation

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05AA090

PLEDGES RECEIVED

13/02/2006

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1,894,032	TOTAL COVERAGE 29.5%	
OPENING BALANCE				43,644		
AUSTRALIAN - RC				15,975	29.09.05	NEPAL CAS MEETING
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				200,000	01.01.05	
BRITISH - RC				40,000	11.07.05	STRATEGY 2010 REVIEW, FEDERATION OF THE FUTURE
BRITISH - RC				20,000	11.07.05	FEDERATION OF THE FUTURE
SPANISH - PRIVATE DONOR		16,900	EUR	26,173	20.02.05	
SWEDISH - RC		1,240,000	SEK	212,040	18.04.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				557,832	CHF	29.5%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES						
				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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				0	CHF	