

Report 2006-2007



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Israel

Appeal No. MAAIL001

This report covers the period of 01/01/2006 to 31/12/2006 of a two-year planning and appeal process.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Magen David Adom youth volunteers provide food parcels during the summer conflict in the north. International Federation.

In brief

Programme Summary:

The first part of 2006 was taken up with preparatory work for the International Federation General Assembly. The International Federation office assisted Magen David Adom (MDA) in revising its statutes in accordance with the ten conditions of recognition and supported the implementation process of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MDA and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. In the second half of 2006 the work concentrated on further integrating MDA into the whole spectrum of Movement activities.

The financial situation of the office was uncertain in the second part of 2006 after the International Federation General Assembly. The budget coverage had a negative effect on fulfilling the envisaged programme. This led to a budget revision which is presented in this report.

Goal: The main goal of the programme was to assist MDA to be fully integrated in the Movement.

Needs: Total 2006-2007 budget of CHF 599,048 is revised in this report to CHF 414,353 (USD 344,320 or EUR 253,060), out of which 56 per cent covered. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

No. of people we help: The International Federation office programme was not beneficiaries oriented, but rather was aimed at the organizational development of the National Society.

Our Partners: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Israeli authorities, International Federation Regional Delegations in Ankara and Budapest.

Current context

In 2006, two main events affected all the activities of the office. Firstly, MDA was fully recognised as a member of the Movement at the General Assembly on 22 June 2006. The Federation Office has been supporting MDA for the last six years in its attempts to gain membership. Now that it is a member, MDA is keen to participate in the Movement activities and share its extended experience. At the same time a lot of explanatory and dissemination work needs to be invested in bridging the existing differences and developing MDA's self-determination as a National Society.

Shortly after recognition, hostilities in the north of Israel shook the country. The entire northern region suffered from rocket bombing, leading to a lot of casualties and pushing around 300,000- 450,000 people to search for shelter in the inner regions of the country. In Nizanim, in the centre of Israel, a large tent city for the displaced population was established by a local donor. MDA set up a first aid station at camp where 1,085 persons were treated. The population that stayed in the areas exposed to the bombing was the weakest and most vulnerable. Volunteers, especially youth volunteers did their best to support these people.

Being the national first aid and rescue services provider, MDA played a very important role in serving the civilian population. Some 220 standard ambulances and Mobile Intensive Units (MIU) were on call in the north of Israel and 2,637 emergency vehicles were dispatched by MDA to these regions. MDA employees and volunteers responded to 1,477 incidents and treated 2,857 casualties.

MDA is also the main provider of blood services in Israel. During summer hostilities 32,233 blood units were collected, examined and processed by MDA blood services.

Progress towards objectives

Programme objectives were defined according to the Global Agenda and relate to four main spheres: health and care, disaster management, organizational development, and humanitarian values.

Health and Care

Objective: Contribute to work of the Federation's Health Commission, collaborate with the Federation and National Societies in the fields of blood safety and blood donor recruitment, build capacity in assessment of community vulnerability, develop cooperation projects with other National Societies and share expertise in emergency pre-hospital care and first aid training.

With developed ties between MDA and the Movement, the Federation encouraged MDA to contribute its rich experience to Movement work in the field of health and care. In particular, MDA's Operations and Training departments have contributed to emergency medical service (EMS) training of other National Societies. MDA's Blood Services also contributed its expertise in blood safety and volunteer recruitment spheres. Director of MDA Blood Services presented MDA's experience at international meetings in Chile, Uruguay and Singapore.

Disaster Management

Objective: Adopt long-term strategic plan for activities in disaster management, consistent with national disaster planning. Organize National Disaster Response Team training for MDA staff and volunteers, and Israeli authorities.

With the support of the Federation office, MDA continues to work on the development of its disaster management long-term strategic plan. National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) training was organized in April and MDA staff participated in the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training in Macedonia in April, Turkey in September and Albania in October. MDA developed an EMS, whose personnel were trained for a possible future earthquake. The earthquake simulation drill was held in Afula in May. Additional drills were cancelled due to the summer hostilities. After recognition, MDA started to study the emergency response unit (ERU) concept, with MDA's chairman visiting the Austria ERU in October to learn about the approach closely and at first hand. MDA and the Federation office cooperated with Israeli authorities to define the role of MDA in the state framework of response in the event of disasters and/or hostilities.

Organizational Development

Objective: Analyse results of the National Society Self Assessment (NSSA), finalise review of MDA Statutes, attend Red Cross Fundraising Skill share and look at ways to develop domestic fund-raising and raise MDA's profile through an active communications strategy.

Before the June International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference the main priority of the Federation Office was bringing MDA statutes in line with the Movement requirements based on recommendations of the Joint Statutes Commission. The Federation Office worked closely with MDA's Chairman, its National Council, and its lawyers on revising MDA's statutes. At the same time the Office worked with the Israel authorities – Ministries of Health, Foreign Affairs, and Justice, and the Prime Minister's Office – to ensure that MDA's statutes were amended and these amendments communicated to the Federation and the ICRC in Geneva before the International Conference.

Since MDA's recognition as a National Society and admission to the Federation, the focus of the Federation Office shifted from preparation for entry to the Movement to the National Society's plans for the future. The Federation Office provided support and advice in some key spheres that were developed in 2006 and will be continued through 2007: long term strategic planning for development as a National Society; expanding MDA humanitarian activities in Israel and abroad; integrating MDA into the Movement and developing domestic fundraising.

Humanitarian values

Objective: In cooperation with the ICRC, establish a dissemination unit and/or recruit a Principles and Values officer to organize activities and programmes to raise awareness of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), the Movement and the fundamental principles, develop and/or translate new Hebrew-language dissemination materials, and participate in relevant Movement courses.

Since 2003, all MDA training courses include a component on IHL, the Movement and the fundamental principles. The Federation office provided briefings on the Movement to all MDA staff and volunteers leaving for mission within the Movement or as part of a MDA relief delegation abroad, as well as for MDA delegates to Movement training courses or seminars. In November 2006, the ICRC organized a "Train the Trainers" course for some 25 MDA personnel on these topics. The Federation Israel office started to develop a series of workshops for community leaders of MDA staff and volunteers. The lack of local based leadership was highlighted during the recent hostilities in the north. The programmes raise awareness of the principles and values commitments of the Federation and the Movement's fundamental principles among MDA volunteers and staff, vulnerable communities and the wider public.

Working in partnership

In the process of bringing MDA in accordance to ten conditions of recognition, ICRC/Federation Joint Commission for National Societies Statutes played an important role by providing clear recommendations. Federation Office closely collaborated with MDA board and lawyers in the process of MDA Statutes revision. Federation Regional Delegations in Ankara and Budapest assisted the office to provide MDA with access to various regional trainings.

The Federation Office maintains relations with the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other relevant government agencies to keep them up-to-date about work of the Federation Secretariat and the Federation Israel office with MDA. In the lead up to the International Conference and with the focus on amendment of MDA's Statutes, the Federation Israel office was in close contact not only with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but also with the Ministries of Health and Justice, as well as the Office of the Prime Minister. The Federation Israel office has also raised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the desirability of regularizing its support to MDA and its operations in-country by entering into a status agreement with the Israel authorities.

In April a MDA employee participated in a Water Sanitation ERU hosted by the Austrian Red Cross and two others took part in RDRT training organized by the Budapest Regional Delegation. In October a MDA delegate participated in a Basic Training Course (BTC) organized by Norwegian RC. The Federation Office will maintain contact with the Norwegian Red Cross in 2007 and assist MDA select participants for future BTCs.

ICRC and Federation Representatives in Tel Aviv and Ramallah supported the process of implementation of the MDA - Palestine Red Crescent Society MoU and Agreement on Operational Arrangements (AOA). This included attending Liaison Committee Meetings between the two National Societies. The Representative also provided advice and support to MDA and representatives of the Government of Switzerland and other interlocutors on the monitoring of the MoU and AOA.

Contributing to longer-term impact

Recognition of MDA as a full member of the Movement was an important contribution to the International Federation's Global Agenda. Being a full member encourages MDA to contribute to different Federation Programmes.

The MDA emergency department is bringing its activities in line with the Sphere standards. Cooperating with the Federation office, MDA extends its activities towards humanitarian objectives within the country.

Looking Ahead

Based on experience gained in 2006, MDA with support of the Federation office will continue to develop its cooperation with the Movement in 2007. MDA started to develop closer ties and common programmes with sister National Societies and it will continue to share its experience. MDA continues to be highly motivated and available for participation in relief operations and is compiling a pool of experts ready for participating in such operations.

In the coming years MDA has to develop further its humanitarian activities within the country, to develop a community-based approach in disaster preparedness and response.

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Annual Report 2006

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/01-2007/12
Appeal	MAAIL001
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
A. Budget					414,353	414,353
B. Opening Balance					-644	-644
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
American Red Cross					90,848	90,848
British Red Cross					34,380	34,380
DFID Partnership					24,946	24,946
Netherlands Red Cross					23,670	23,670
Norwegian Red Cross					19,500	19,500
Swedish Red Cross					16,842	16,842
C1. Cash contributions					210,186	210,186
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
Danish Red Cross					10,000	10,000
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)					10,000	10,000
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
Swedish Red Cross					13,474	13,474
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or					13,474	13,474
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)					233,659	233,659
D. Total Funding = B + C					233,015	233,015

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance					-644	-644
C. Income					233,659	233,659
E. Expenditure					-231,465	-231,465
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)					1,551	1,551

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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)							414,353	414,353	
Land, vehicles & equipment									
Computers & Telecom						2,475	2,475	-2,475	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment						2,475	2,475	-2,475	
Transport & Storage									
Transport & Vehicle Costs	26,150					13,878	13,878	12,272	
Total Transport & Storage	26,150					13,878	13,878	12,272	
Personnel Expenditures									
Delegates Payroll	102,000					89,693	89,693	12,307	
Delegate Benefits	62,000					49,614	49,614	12,386	
National Staff	64,600					33,417	33,417	31,183	
Consultants	16,400					4,290	4,290	12,111	
Total Personnel Expenditures	245,000					177,013	177,013	67,987	
Workshops & Training									
Workshops & Training	58,500					1,610	1,610	56,890	
Total Workshops & Training	58,500					1,610	1,610	56,890	
General Expenditure									
Travel	28,000					6,471	6,471	21,529	
Information & Public Relation	4,350					225	225	4,125	
Office Costs	2,400					956	956	1,444	
Communications	13,200					11,545	11,545	1,655	
Professional Fees	4,000							4,000	
Financial Charges	5,820					2,245	2,245	3,575	
Total General Expenditure	57,770					21,443	21,443	36,327	
Program Support									
Program Support	26,933					15,045	15,045	11,888	
Total Program Support	26,933					15,045	15,045	11,888	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	414,353					231,465	231,465	182,888	
VARIANCE (C - D)						182,888	182,888		