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In Brief

Emergency and Recovery Plan of Action (Appeal No. 28/2004); Operations Update no. 57; Period covered: 1 April to 30 June 2005; Appeal coverage: 58.6% *The list of contributions can be accessed from the Federation's website:*

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East Africa - Operational highlights:

- In the Seychelles, some 150 families on Mahé and Praslin islands were assisted with essential household materials. Twelve other families on Cerf Island also received non-food items.
- Training of volunteers and communities in providing health education helped avert disease outbreaks in Somalia following heavy rains during this quarter. In April and May, 18,200 consultations and deliveries, 1,387 inoculations and 2,657 growth monitoring activities were carried out.
- The regional delegation in Nairobi has rented a warehouse along the Mombasa-Nairobi Road to store non-food disaster preparedness stock for 10,000 families.

In response to the sheer volume of operations and project-related information available, this second quarterly report marks the first use of a new, easier to read format. Three reports, each by tsunami-affected region, are issued simultaneously and rely on hyperlinks to lengthy annexes such as the contributions list and updates on bilateral projects of partner national societies. Feedback and suggestions for further improvement are welcomed.

- For detailed information on tsunami-related operations in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia please refer to the [Southeast Asia](#) section of this report.
- For detailed information on tsunami-related operations in Sri Lanka, Maldives, India and Bangladesh, please refer to the [South Asia](#) section of this report.
- A listing of progress by partner national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies working on tsunami-related projects is attached [here](#).

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Secretariat Overview

Though the emergency relief phase has passed, the need for items such as tents, water and hygiene supplies remain as the complicated reconstruction and livelihood recovery process gets underway. Several issues need to be addressed urgently in order for the International Federation and its donors to achieve the significant goals laid out in the Tsunami Emergency and Recovery Plan of Action issued on 6 May.

The most pressing is the lack of key personnel needed to manage and implement vitally needed recovery programmes, especially in Indonesia. The Federation needs cooperation of partner national societies in addressing this issue and making available human resources in support of in country operations.

Another pressing issue that field reports, confirmed by UN partners, have raised is the inadequacy of transitional shelter in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, especially for people living in tented camps. Initial UN estimates put the number of replacement tents needed at 30-40,000. The Federation estimates it will be able to soon make available 30,000 weather-appropriate tents to help meet this pressing need. Another decision being considered is to help build extensions – so-called ‘granny flats’ – to the homes of families hosting displaced persons. This extends also to repairing homes in Sri Lanka that are past the government-declared ‘demarcation’ line of 100 metres. Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement components are in ongoing consultations with partner agencies and NGOs at the field and headquarters levels and partner national societies will be kept informed of progress and decisions.

The total expenditure of the Federation on tsunami operations for the period through June 2005 is CHF 121 million. The plan of action budget for 2005-2006 is 58.6 per cent covered; to date, 90 national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have contributed to the tsunami appeal. Together with reported expenditure by partner national societies of CHF 421 million, the collective amount spent by the Federation (Secretariat and its members) for the first six months of the operation now exceeds CHF 542 million.

Seychelles

Overview

The tsunami emergency and the response by Red Cross staff/volunteers brought much needed attention to the Seychelles and its neighbouring countries. A number of partner national societies have expressed interest in cooperating and strengthening the Seychelles Red Cross Society. Throughout the sub-region, governments are beginning to recognize the key roles the national societies can play in disaster preparedness and response.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

A number of national societies from the Indian Ocean islands sub-region attended the second East Africa tsunami meeting held in Nairobi in May 2005. Movement coordination was the main topic on the agenda. During the event the regional movement coordinator presented the cooperation and coordination framework both in its global and regional forms. Members of the Indian Ocean islands working group, involving representatives from host and partner national societies, Federation delegates and the Secretariat’s director for national society and field support identified key issues for promoting smooth Movement coordination. Seychelles Red Cross Society intends to develop a specific cooperation agreement strategy (CAS), following a revision of its strategic plan.

Working with Government, UN agencies and other actors

Following a request by the Seychelles authorities for Federation support in developing coherent disaster management plans, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) expressed its interest in the Federation’s approach. The government, with UN agency’s support, is drafting a disaster management plan for the Seychelles. The Federation is expected to provide technical support to process in July. A meeting with the Federation’s head of the Indian Ocean sub-region will be facilitated.

These developments correspond, at regional level, to the global agreement signed in Geneva by UNDP and the Federation in relation to the cooperation in support of the tsunami-affected countries. They were preceded by a working meeting between the Federation’s regional disaster management coordinator, UNDP’s conflict and risk reduction adviser for Africa (in charge of support to East African governments in their national disaster management and planning) and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) regional disaster response adviser (responsible for contingency planning). The UN resident coordinator for the Seychelles recently expressed concerns over a shortfall in funding which, in her opinion, delays the government’s efforts to repair infrastructure damaged by the devastating tsunami of December 2004.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

Disaster management

- The Seychelles Red Cross is in process of reassessing its disaster preparedness programme and plans. Further contingency stock and equipment has been positioned in 23 districts. A 3,695 kg consignment of disaster preparedness (DP) stocks also arrived in Seychelles in July.
- The national society has been invited to sit on the National Disaster Committee and assigned to finalize the draft Seychelles national disaster plan.

Recovery

- About 150 tsunami- and landslide-affected families in Mahé and Praslin islands were assisted with essential household materials. Twelve other families on Cerf Island also received non-food items. Some targeted families were also assisted with refrigerators, washing machines, kitchen sets and cookers.
- About 20 fishermen have been assisted in Mahé and Praslin islands to repair their boats and purchase fishing equipment. Support to eight families in Mahé Island with building materials is also underway.

Recovery beneficiaries

Jan	Feb	Mar (1 st quarter total)	April	May	June (2 nd quarter cumulative)
900	-	1,020	-	1,068	1,068

Organizational development

- Following a recent meeting between the Seychelles vice president and the Federation senior officials, there are good prospect that the national society will be allocated adequate land for office and storage space on Mahé, Praslin and La Digue islands.
- The Seychelles Red Cross temporary premises were equipped with new office furniture and equipment in early June. Vacant staff positions were filled and various partners have committed to fund the positions for a period of five years.

Humanitarian values

- The recent recruitment of a professional journalist has allowed initiation of planned information activities and enhanced the profile of the Red Cross through the media. The national society's response in the tsunami emergency and recovery phases is widely appreciated within the country.
- The newly recruited information officer and the regional information delegate had an extensive dialogue during a recent visit to the Seychelles and helped strengthen relations with key organizations.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
<i>Objective: To strengthen the disaster management capacity of the Seychelles Red Cross</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Developing a contingency plan for floods and cyclones and a national society disaster management plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national society is in process of reassessing its disaster preparedness programme and plans to conduct further disaster management and preparedness training later in the year. Emergency equipment, including stretchers and neck collar splints, has been positioned in 23 districts as part of a contingency stock built up. National society has been invited to sit on the National Disaster Committee, assigned to finalize the draft Seychelles national disaster plan. 	
	Establishing community-based risk reduction (CBRR) programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBRR training will take place later in the year. The second tsunami alert has made all national societies in the Indian Ocean Islands sub-region more conscious of the need to speed up and strengthen their preparedness and response capacities. 	
	Strengthening logistics management capacity of the Seychelles Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 3,695 kg consignment of disaster preparedness (DP) stocks arrived in Seychelles in July. The non-food items include: 20 family tents, 10 office tents, 50 blankets, 50 tarpaulins and 50 kitchen sets. 	
RECOVERY			
<i>Objective: Livelihoods are re-established or improved to enable the affected population to become economically self-sufficient</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Mahé and Praslin islands	60 tsunami- and landslide-affected families are provided with essential household materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 150 families were assisted in Mahé and Praslin Islands with essential household items. 12 families on Cerf Island also received non-food items such as mattresses, bed sheets and pillow cases. Some targeted families were also assisted with refrigerators, washing machines, kitchen sets and cookers. 	
Mahé and Praslin islands	Fifty (50) fishermen are provided with fishing kits and resume their livelihood sustaining activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 20 fishermen have been assisted in Mahé and Praslin Islands to repair their boats and purchase fishing equipment. The national society is in contact with the ministry of fisheries to purchase 15 boat engines. 	
	Thirty (30) families are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and sanitation materials purchased, including toilet seats and 	•

	assisted with building materials	water pipes, to support eight families on Mahé Island.	
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Objective: To strengthen the organizational capacity of Seychelles Red Cross at national and branch levels</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
National and branch levels of Seychelles Red Cross	Seychelles Red Cross has a well structured organizational capacity, including skilled human resources at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a meeting with the country's vice president, during a recent visit to Seychelles, the Federation's tsunami special representative and the head of regional delegation advocated for the allocation of adequate land to enable the national society to build offices and storage space on the islands of Mahé, Praslin and La Digue. There are hopes that the Red Cross will obtain these in the near future. 	
	General administrative and operation costs of the NS are supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office furniture and equipment procured and moved to new temporary premises in early June. Vacant staff positions were filled and various partners have committed to fund the positions for a period of five years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> German Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and French Red Cross visited Seychelles and provided/pledged support to the capacity building effort.
HUMANITARIAN VALUES			
<i>Objective: Provide a platform to enable Seychelles RC to develop its communications and advocacy skills and capacity as well as strengthen external relations</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Awareness raising workshops	Seychelles Red Cross staff/volunteers acquire adequate skills in media-related activities and effectively undertake communications and advocacy activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A professional journalist has been recruited and has already shown impact: wide national media coverage of the recent visit of the Federation's special tsunami representative. A national training is planned to take place during October, with support from the regional delegation. A series of documents and flyers were produced, as well as brochures on disaster awareness, promoting the national society's activities and involvement in efficient disaster management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Seychelles Red Cross establishes meaningful relations with key organizations active in the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following its response to the tsunami during emergency and recovery phases, the national society has been widely appreciated within the country. Newly recruited information officer and the regional information delegate had an extensive dialogue during a recent visit to the Seychelles and helped strengthen relations with key organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Somalia

Overview

The transitional Federal Government of Somalia formally departed from Kenya during the reporting period, though it is yet to establish itself fully in Somalia. Tension remained high in several southern and central areas of the country. However, Puntland, the northeast tsunami-affected area of the country, remained relatively peaceful. During the second quarter after the tsunami emergency phase, the Somali Red Crescent Society continued its support to vulnerable communities while moving into the recovery phase. The Somalia delegation continued to provide the required support to the national society and has assisted in designing the expansion of its health programme in Bari region. Further support is given through monitoring and supervision activities, planning of outreach services as well as direct support to Garowe Hospital.

A joint health facility review was carried out by the national society, the Federation and German Red Cross. It enabled the fine-tuning of operational details of the Somali Red Crescent's health expansion in Bari region through support to four primary health care facilities. The support envisaged will help address the health needs of the selected communities, which have not been adequately met for several years. Following discussions among the Movement partners operating in Somalia, German Red Cross will take on the project under a coordinated bilateral arrangement with services provided through the Somalia delegation.

Heavy rains in several regions of Somalia posed a health risk in terms of disease outbreaks and floods. Vulnerable communities already fear the occurrence of a new disaster. The Somali Red Crescent Society mobilized volunteers and community members to provide health education on disease prevention. Bed nets received from United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will help step up malaria prevention efforts, especially among women and children, who are the target group. With its network of health clinics and expertise in health prevention, the Somali Red Crescent Society can/will play a pivotal role in future health-related activities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

Movement coordination and cooperation is ongoing through formal meetings for information sharing and planning the tsunami support. Coordination meetings of the operational Movement partners have been regularized, with meetings taking place in May and June. The special representative of the secretary general of the Federation for the tsunami operation visited Puntland in April. He was accompanied by the president of the Somali Red Crescent Society, heads of the Federation's regional and Somalia delegations, the Nairobi-based regional information delegate and the ICRC cooperation delegate for Somalia.

Working with Government, UN agencies and other actors

The national society continues to have good working relationships with the relevant local health authorities and the UN agencies. UNICEF, in particular, committed its support to the Somali Red Crescent Society's health expansion effort into Bari through the provision of essential drugs, vaccines and vaccination-related materials. The joint health facility review by the Federation, the Somali Red Crescent Society and German Red Cross was also joined by the Puntland state's regional medical officer for Bari region.

The Somali Red Crescent Society and the Federation delegation have been working closely with other partners to avoid overlaps. The Somali Aid Coordination Body (SACB) health sector committee meetings continued to be an important forum for information sharing. The Humanitarian Response Group has been monitoring the rains and flooding. The national society and the Federation's delegation participated in the Puntland health coordination meeting, from 26-27 April, as well as a tsunami coordination meeting organized by the Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management Agency (HADMA) - a body created by the Puntland state authorities to coordinate tsunami-related interventions.

A specific request from the president's office of Puntland, for the Federation to provide advisory support to HADMA, was pursued with meetings in Nairobi and London involving HADMA, Somali Red Crescent Society, the Federation, ICRC and British Red Cross who are all supporting the initiative. As an outcome, a consultant has been engaged to visit Garowe, in July, to give further advice on the ongoing DM processes.

UNDP expressed its interest in discussing the Federation approach, with the aim of finding the right balance between the plans at state level (Puntland) and the transitional national government levels (Somalia). A meeting between the UN, Somali Red Crescent Society and the Federation's delegation will soon be facilitated.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

Health and care

- From 29 April to 5 May, Somali Red Crescent, the Federation, German Red Cross and the ministry of health jointly conducted a review of specific health facilities in four districts in Bari/Kar Kaar regions. The project focus will be on mother and child health/out-patient services. The Garowe Hospital, the main referral hospital for the tsunami-affected areas, was also reviewed in coordination with ICRC and areas of improvement were identified.
- The training of volunteers and communities in providing comprehensive health education has helped in averting the risk of disease outbreak following heavy rains during the quarter. Outreach plans were completed for Nugal and Mudug regions.
- Planning of water and sanitation activities, upgrade of targeted clinic facilities and procurement of health emergency stocks is under way.

Health and care beneficiaries					
Jan	Feb	Mar (1st quarter total)	April	May	June (2nd quarter cumulative)
9,596	9,016	10,060	14,265	7,979	TBA

Disaster management

- With the emergency phase over, the DM focus has been on VCA training and preparedness for staff and volunteers from six Somali Red Crescent branches. Branch-level VCAs and contingency plans were completed/ are in process in the four of these branches. The society's swift response to the recent heavy rains and flooding in Somaliland and the South demonstrated its improved capacity to coordinate with other actors.
- Information technology assessment identified key needs in branches in northern zones in the country and fixed/replaced equipment in Puntland branches. Information and communication flow from sites involved in heavy rains and flooding during the quarter were significantly improved.
- The Puntland state authorities requested the Federation's participation in developing coherent zonal level disaster management plans and structures.

Humanitarian values

- The recent assessment, planning and response exercises have strengthened the relations between the Somali Red Crescent and its partner organizations, and offered an opportunity to disseminate the Fundamental Principles and structure of the Movement. Advisory support from the Federation, to establish Puntland state HADMA, has raised the profile of the Somali Red Crescent in the area.

HEALTH AND CARE			
<i>Objective: The health conditions of the vulnerable are improved and outbreak of epidemics and waterborne diseases prevented</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Bari/Kar Kaar regions	Health conditions among the most affected people in tsunami hit areas are preserved and outbreak of epidemics and waterborne diseases is prevented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 29 April to 5 May, a team consisting of Somali Red Crescent, the Federation's delegation, German Red Cross and a representative from the ministry of health conducted a review of specific health facilities in four districts identified in agreement with the ministry of health in the Bari/Kar Kaar regions. The Bari health programme will include support to two non-functional mother and child health/out-patient department (MCH/OPD) structures in Ufuyn and Iskushuban, as well as plan for the upgrading of the two health posts in Rako and Waaciye into MCH/OPDs. 	
	Health services reach the most vulnerable populations and capacity of the community to prevent and respond to outbreaks of diseases in targeted areas is increased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of Garowe Hospital, the main referral hospital for the tsunami-affected areas, was carried out in coordination with ICRC. The review report will highlight areas to upgrade surgical equipment and capacities and other issues to improve overall services at the hospital. Training of volunteers and communities in providing comprehensive health education helped in averting disease outbreaks following heavy rains during the quarter. In April and May, 18,200 consultations and deliveries, 1,387 inoculations and 2,657 growth monitoring activities were carried out. Outreach plans were completed for Nugal and Mudug regions. Planning of water and sanitation activities, including PHAST training, upgrade of targeted clinic facilities and procurement of health emergency stocks for the next quarter is under way 	
DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
<i>Objective: The disaster management capacity of Somali Red Crescent and the communities it serves is strengthened</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Hargeisa	Branch vulnerability and capacity assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCA and contingency planning training was carried out in Hargeisa for staff and volunteers from six Somali Red Crescent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the emergency phase over, the DM focus has been on VCA

	(VCA) and contingency plans are developed in all 19 branches and a national VCA and contingency plan is established	<p>Society branches. Branch-level VCAs and contingency plans were completed/ are in preparation by the four branches that had previously undergone training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national society was quick to assess and respond to the heavy rains and localized flooding in Somaliland and the South. Its ability to coordinate with other actors and to provide timely and comprehensive information was shown to be improved. 	training and preparedness with no new tsunami-related DM beneficiaries to report.
	Somali Red Crescent information systems are developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information technology assessment identified key needs in Somali Red Crescent branches in northern zones of the country and fixed/replaced equipment in Puntland branches. Information and communication flow from sites involved in heavy rains and flooding during the quarter significantly improved. 	
	Strengthened logistics management capacity of the Somali Red Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Somali Red Crescent DM officer will participate in regional logistics training in the next quarter. 	
	Strengthened disaster management capacity of Somali Red Crescent and Federation capacity to support the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Puntland state authorities requested for advice from the Federation in developing coherent zonal level disaster management plans and structures, under HADMA. The request was taken up by the Federation through further consultations and meetings with HADMA, UNDP and Movement partners. 	

HUMANITARIAN VALUES

Objective: Provide a platform to enable Somali Red Crescent develop its communications and advocacy skills and capacity and strengthen external relations

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Awareness raising workshops	Staff and volunteers acquire adequate skills in media related activities and are effectively undertaking communications and advocacy activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and communication flow from sites affected by local flooding during the quarter were significantly improved. With support from the Nairobi regional delegation, a national workshop is to be planned later in the year for identified staff and volunteers. 	
	Somali Red Crescent establishes meaningful relations with key organizations active in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relations between the Somali Red Crescent and its partner organizations maintained and strengthened through assessment, planning and response exercises. 	

	the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The joint meeting between HADMA, the national society, the Federation and ICRC offered an opportunity to disseminate the principles and structure of the Movement. Meetings with senior state officials in Puntland and Somaliland were also used as platforms to clarify the roles and mandates of the Movement components. Advisory support from the Federation, to establish Puntland state HADMA, has raised the profile of the Somali Red Crescent in the zone.	
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East Africa regional programmes

Overview

The East African region continued to be confronted by a series of natural disasters that required intervention during the reporting period. Heavy rains and floods affected Somalia, Ethiopia and the Zanzibar island of Tanzania; Comoros dealt with the aftermath of the Karthala volcano eruption. More recently Kenya experienced severe rains that lead to floods in various parts of the country.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent societies were prompt in their interventions and were assisted by the Federation delegations, ICRC and in the case of Comoros, by the PIROI- a structure led by the French Red Cross from its base in La Reunion. The long-term plans designed for the tsunami operation are expected to have a positive impact on the disaster coping capacity of communities served by East African national societies.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

An international coordination meeting for the development of a tsunami warning and mitigation system for the Indian Ocean assessment mission, to cover Kenya and Somalia, took place in Nairobi on 13-15 June 2005. Federation staff from Nairobi regional delegation, Indian Ocean Islands sub-regional office and Somalia delegation attended.

A number of national societies from the sub-region attended the second East Africa tsunami meeting held in Nairobi on May 2005. Movement coordination was the main topic on the agenda. During the meeting, the regional Movement coordinator presented the cooperation and coordination framework both in its global and regional forms. The emphasis was put on the need for each of the Movement members to commit itself to working together. References were made to the Movement strategy and the Seville agreement. It was pointed out that coordination did exist in the region before the tsunami, but it was now time to further develop it. Participants agreed that the main aim of the framework is to simplify the work of all national societies and their partners, as well as to accelerate service delivery to beneficiaries.

Working groups, involving representatives from both host and partner national societies, Federation delegates and the secretariat's director for national society and field support, identified the development of cooperation agreement strategies (CAS), the adoption and signing of specific memoranda of understanding, regular meetings and exchange of information as key to smooth Movement coordination. A good basis for cooperation is provided by the Saint-Denis Agreement, which was signed by representatives of the PIROI, national societies in the sub-region, ICRC and the Federation five years ago.

Working with Government, UN agencies and other actors

The Federation's regional disaster management (DM) coordinator met with UNDP's conflict and risk reduction adviser for Africa in charge of support to East African governments in their national disaster management and planning. UN OCHA's regional disaster response adviser responsible for contingency planning was also present at the meeting. The East African group includes UN, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The members are working together to promote disaster management planning at national government and Red Cross and Red Crescent levels.

The DM coordinator chaired the core meeting of the inter-agency working group (IAWG) for emergency preparedness on 31 May. On 9 June, the delegation hosted a workshop for IAWG "disaster response mandates and capacities" that mapped and analyzed regional emergencies capacities. The workshop prepared for an interagency exercise in regional disaster response, on 17 June, which was based on a tsunami scenario affecting three East Africa countries.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

Health and care

- All the national societies in the region have finalized their health and care plans and budgets, through three regional planning forums. Branch capacities are being mapped.
- A joint planning meeting between the health and care and the disaster management programmes was held in Nairobi. A concept paper was developed on joint assessments, field and training activities, especially those related to emergency stocks and VCAs.
- In June, the health and care working group, comprised of Federation and national societies health staff in the region, held a joint planning meeting to map out activities to improve their capacities on epidemic preparedness and response and strategically addressing public health problems in emergencies.

Disaster management

- The regional disaster response training (RDRT) review was conducted and draft report was circulated during the RDRT refresher course in Tanzania from 4-11 July. The RDRT training gathered 22 participants from eight national societies in the region.
- IT and telecommunication baseline technical assessments and technical advice as well as IT and telecommunication capacity assessments were undertaken in six countries of the east Africa region.
- During the three sub-regional planning meetings, clear guidelines for development of a CBRR programme and the new DM framework were shared with the national societies in the region. Field missions have also been planned.
- With the support of the British Red Cross logistics emergency response unit, the regional general logistics capacity within the regional delegation and national societies in the region has been reviewed. A regional logistics training curriculum was developed. The regional delegation has rented a warehouse along the Mombasa-Nairobi Road to store non-food DP stock for 10,000 families. Procurement of relief items as well as recruitment of DM delegate has been initiated.

Organizational Development

- The current planning activities conducted at sub-regional level by national societies are expected to lead to concrete activities in the second half of the year.

Humanitarian values

- Information officers from the tsunami-affected countries are contributing more researched information towards the tsunami operation updates. A regional communications forum is being prepared which will focus on tsunami operations and the response by national societies. A recent meeting and direct exchange between the Seychelles counterpart and the regional delegate contributed to a better understanding of the Federation's capacity to promote the work of its members.
- The Federation's regional delegation has been taking the lead in initiating and developing relations with key organizations in the region, while the national societies are effectively undertaking communications and advocacy activities within their respective countries to promote their national society and Federation vis-à-vis key organizations.

HEALTH AND CARE			
<i>Objective: To prepare national societies and communities for disasters, to prevent epidemics, to provide an immediate response to emergencies and to mitigate the impact of such events</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
National societies in East Africa	Increased capacity of national societies to respond to health emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the national societies in the region have finalized their health and care (HC) plans and budgets, through three regional planning forums held in Kenya, Uganda and Sudan. Branch capacities are being mapped and this will be followed by vulnerability capacity assessment (VCA) which will define health-related emergencies. Identified activities will address access to adequate water and sanitation facilities through the construction of appropriate technology facilities, providing hygiene promotion and education and capacity building for better management by communities. 	•
	Strengthened capacity of national societies for prevention / control of waterborne diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention of vector-borne diseases, malaria, cholera, vaccine preventable diseases, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and care for orphaned and vulnerable children will be approached through capacity building initiatives to communities and volunteers and known technical tools (community-based first aid, blood donor recruitment, ARCHI). At the regional delegation in Nairobi, a joint planning meeting between the HC and the DM programmes was held on the possibilities of carrying out joint assessments, field and training activities, especially those related to emergency stocks and VCAs. A concept paper on this collaboration was developed. 	•
	Strengthened capacity of national societies for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In June, the HC working group (attended by the HC staff at Nairobi regional delegation and all national society health coordinators in the region) held a joint planning meeting in Rwanda and finalized the scheduling of regional workshops and mapped out national society activities which will require technical support from the delegation. The workshop will be undertaken with a view 	•

		to improve the capacity of the national societies on epidemic preparedness and response and strategically addressing public health problems in emergencies.	
DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
<i>Objective: To strengthen the disaster management capacity of the national societies in the region</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	National societies in the region have developed disaster preparedness plans, completed VCAs in high-risk locations and improved response mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support was given to three East African national societies to develop country plans for 2005 and 2006 based on agreed sub-regional plans at a workshop in Kampala. Training was also given to two additional national societies at a workshop in Nairobi; and to another four societies at a workshop in Khartoum. • The regional disaster response training (RDRT) review was conducted with the assistance of the RDRT-trained Uganda Red Cross DP officer and British Red Cross consultant in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Interviews were made with national societies, partner national societies and the Federation. The draft report was circulated during the RDRT refresher course hosted by Mwanza regional office of Tanzania Red Cross from 4-11 July. The RDRT training gathered 22 participants from Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Uganda and Eritrea. Facilitators were from the Federation's secretariat in Geneva, British Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and the regional delegation in Nairobi. 	•
	Disaster management and IT/telecommunications information systems are developed to improve rapid transfer of DM information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the regional programme, the IT and telecommunications delegate visited two eastern African national societies for a base line technical assessment and is presently on a two-week mission to a third to assess its IT and telecom infrastructure with a view to improving it. The IT manager also conducted a ten-day assessment mission to assist two Red Cross societies to improve their IT and telecom infrastructure. • Planning meetings have been held with Kenya Red Cross technical staff. 	•
	Community-based risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the three sub-regional planning meetings, clear 	•

	reduction (CBRR) programmes for recurrent disasters are established	guidelines for development of a CBRR programme and the new DM framework were shared with national societies of the East African sub-region and four from the Horn of Africa. Technical input has been given to Mauritius and Comoros national societies. Field missions have also been planned.	
	National societies and Federation possess sufficient logistics management capacity and DP stocks to provide efficient and effective response to disasters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DM department hosted a logistics expert from the British Red Cross logistics emergency response unit, who worked with the regional senior logistics officer to review the regional general logistics capacity within the regional delegation and national societies in the region. The review examined the plans for DP stocks preposition in Nairobi and in all the national societies, regional storage structures, capacity, human resources, logistic response capacity and stock management and replenishment. An appropriate curriculum for the training during a regional logistics workshop, planned for August, was developed. To build a regional DP stock, the department rented a 435 square metres warehouse at Alpha Centre (along Mombasa Road, Nairobi), intended to store non-food DP stock for 10,000 families. Procurement initiated for 20,000 long lasting treated mosquito nets, 20,000 plastic sleeping mats, 10,000 collapsible jerry cans, 5,000 kitchen sets and 10,000 tarpaulins. With the departure of the DM officer on two-month loan, a recruitment exercise for a francophone DM delegate was conducted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Objective: Organizational capacity of the national societies at national and branch level is strengthened</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	National societies have well-structured organizational capacity including branch management systems and skilled human resources at national and branch levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current planning activities conducted at sub-regional level by national society representatives are expected to lead to concrete activities in the second half of the year. 	

	Volunteer management policies are being implemented in a further two NS in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress to date. 	
HUMANITARIAN VALUES			
<i>Objective: Develop national societies' communications and advocacy skills and capacity and assist three national societies to initiate and develop external relations with key organizations</i>			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Awareness raising workshops	NS in the region are effectively undertaking communications and advocacy activities that promote their NS and the Federation within their respective countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An excellent relationship exists between the counterparts in national societies and the regional information delegate. A series of information bulletins and minor emergency documents were issued by the regional delegation profiling the Red Cross/Red Crescent interventions and highlighting the vulnerabilities of affected communities. Lessons learned from the RDRT review have led to RDRT alerts being more focused on national society experience sharing for Ethiopia floods. Information officers from the tsunami-affected countries are contributing more researched information towards the Federation's tsunami operation updates. Plans are underway to hold a regional communications forum focusing on tsunami operations and the response by national societies. A recent meeting and direct exchange between the Seychelles counterpart and the regional delegate contributed to a better understanding of the Federation's capacity to promote the work of its members. 	
	External relations with key organizations in the region are initiated and developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External relations with key organizations in the region have been initiated and developed. These are maintained by senior delegates including the head of regional delegation, disaster management coordinator and the programme coordinator. National societies in the region are effectively undertaking communications and advocacy activities that promote their national society and Federation vis-à-vis key organizations within their respective countries. 	

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