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“At a Glance”

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Outstanding needs: CHF 2,604,496

Update: The second quarter of the year was characterised by coordination of disaster response activities on the part of the regional delegation, in particular following the major earthquake which hit southern Peru on 23 June. In addition, over the quarter, flooding occurred in south eastern Peru, severe storms and heavy rain affected Colombia, landslides caused by rains hit Ecuador and floods struck Uruguay. Significant progress was achieved in the disaster preparedness programme. The organisational development programme, however, is affected by funding constraints. And the programme for the promotion of humanitarian values has received no funding contributions. As regards the health programme, there is an urgent need to assign a regional health delegate.

Operational Developments:

During the reporting period, several countries were affected by natural disasters. There were continuing floods in Puno in south eastern Peru, along the border with Bolivia. The situation in Puno was further complicated by snowfalls and hail in the mountain areas, an uncommon occurrence at this time of year. The combined effect caused damage to 39,063 hectares of farmland, severely impacting the economy of the area. A total of 7,538 families were affected. The Federation issued an information bulletin on 15 May.

In June, provinces in northern Colombia were affected by severe storms during the rainy season, causing flooding. Figures from the Colombian Red Cross Society indicated that 200 people were wounded, approximately 300 houses were destroyed and 400 were damaged, leaving 4,500 people without houses. The Colombian Red Cross Society responded to the disaster and the Federation issued an information bulletin on 7 June.

Ecuador was hit by heavy rains in June which were followed by landslides. The Ecuadorian Red Cross had 161 volunteers working in seven affected provinces in the Amazon region. Figures from the Civil Defense and the Ecuadorian Red Cross indicated that 39 people were killed, six missing, 400 homes destroyed, with 700 people affected by the storms nationwide. The Federation issued an information bulletin on 13 June.

At the end of May and the beginning of June, northern Uruguay was affected by heavy rains and floods. Some 5,000 people were affected and 250 houses destroyed. Technical input was provided by the regional delegation in the damage and needs assessment.

On 23 June an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale struck southern Peru. More than 200,000 people were affected and the Federation started a major relief operation hours after the disaster. More information is provided below and in the appeal and operations updates. This disaster dramatically changed the priorities both of the Peruvian Red Cross and the regional delegation.

Disaster Response

Bolivia - Floods

In Bolivia, exceptionally heavy rains fell continually throughout December and January causing floods and landslides. More than 100,000 people were affected throughout the country. The Federation launched an international appeal in February for CHF 1,503,575 in order to assist 36,200 beneficiaries. During the reporting period, the operation was almost completed. Distributions were carried out in Guanay and Rurrenabaque as part of the activities coordinated by the Spanish Red Cross. In addition, preparations were made for distributions in Chuquisaca, Cochabamba, Potosí and several rural areas of La Paz. Some delays were incurred due to road blockages as a result of social unrest. The remaining distributions were planned for the month of July. The total number of beneficiaries of the operation is estimated at 10,389, representing 3,149 families in addition to the planned 7,240. The operation carried out to date by the Red Cross was the largest, most organized and most successful in the country.

The German and Swiss Red Cross operations continued and were also completed during July. Operations were coordinated with all actors, both within the Red Cross Movement and with NGOs, in order to avoid duplication and to ensure full focus on those affected by the flooding. The success of the operation demonstrates the advantages of working in coordination. The result was a well implemented operation, benefiting those affected by the disaster as well as contributing to the organizational development of the Bolivian Red Cross (BRC).

During the operation, the regional DPP delegate and the director of relief of the BRC continued to participate in the national inter-institutional relief coordinating committee. This structure is in the process of being formalized as a permanent national disaster relief strategy in which the BRC will assume key roles in training and needs assessment. The BRC will also take a lead role in the organization and distribution of relief items given the National Society's capacity to mobilize large numbers of volunteers.

Over 200 BRC volunteers participated in the operation, providing assistance in census taking, packaging of food and other items and in direct distributions. With support from the Federation delegation, the BRC took advantage of the operation in order to train volunteers in evaluation of damage and needs, census taking and logistics associated with the organization and distribution of relief items.

Peru - Floods in Puno

During the months of December 2000 through to the beginning of May, heavy rainfall caused severe flooding throughout the department of Puno. With funds from DREF and the American and Chinese Red Cross Societies, the Peruvian Red Cross (PRC), through its branches in Puno and San Antonio de Putina, carried out distributions of food and other items to 1,750 families. The operation was concluded during the final week of June. The PRC took on a major role in bringing together key players in the country through hosting several inter-institutional information sharing and coordination meetings.

The operation was carried out with the support of the regional delegation and the Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU), which provided personnel to oversee the operation. This support from PADRU allowed the regional DPP delegate to continue working on ongoing initiatives and provided the operation with a skilled delegate. This cooperation demonstrated the ability of the Federation to mobilize competent delegates in an appropriate manner. The participation of PADRU also illustrated the value added role of this newly created unit in terms of disaster response capabilities.

Southern Peru - Earthquake

A strong earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale according to the IGP, the Geophysical Institute of Peru, and 7.9 on the Richter Scale according to the United States' Geological Survey and lasting one minute and fifteen seconds, struck southern Peru on 23 June at 15.33 local time. It affected the departments of Arequipa, Tacna, Moquegua and Ayacucho as well as the north of Chile and the north west of Bolivia. Since the earthquake, there were a large number of aftershocks, two of which struck on 5 and 7 July and measured more than 6 and 6.3 on the Richter scale. The consequences of the earthquake in Bolivia and Chile were minor and needs were met locally. In the departments of Peru the damage was considerable: 30,000 houses were affected, 71 people were reported dead, and 64 missing. Of the total of 30,000 houses affected, more than 18,000 were destroyed.

The Peruvian government declared an emergency in the affected area on 26 June and appealed for international assistance. The PRC and the Federation (PADRU) had a relief team in Puno for the floods operation which left immediately for Arequipa. The Secretariat in Geneva reacted rapidly: the staff of the regional delegation in Buenos Aires were contacted and undertook coordination with the PRC and two of the staff left for Lima to support the National Society. The regional team worked on the preliminary appeal which was launched on 25 June and 10 per cent of the appeal budget was released immediately from DREF.

The response of the Red Cross Movement as well as donors such as the British government, through DFID, CIDA Canada and the European Union through an ECHO agreement with the Federation and the Spanish Red Cross, was rapid and positive. The ICRC delegation in Lima contributed two vehicles and communications support, one technician and five sets of radio communication equipment.

While additional details are available through the Federation web page (full appeal and operations updates), the following is a summary of activities carried out during the reporting period:

- w** On 27 June a Red Cross relief flight, organized by PADRU's regional logistics unit and containing relief supplies provided by the Federation and the German Red Cross arrived in Arequipa;
- On 27 June a Spanish Red Cross/AECI (Agencia Española de Cooperación) plane arrived at the same airport. On the following day, another plane arrived in Tacna. The American Red Cross together with the Federation also sent two relief flights in the following days;
- The PRC organised a campaign directed at private companies and the Peruvian population in order to ensure the supplies and services urgently needed. There was a positive response to the campaign and various Peruvian companies are supporting the PRC with transport, communications and logistics in general;

- Representatives of DFID, ECHO, the Spanish Red Cross, the American Red Cross, the German Red Cross and the Japanese Red Cross were in the area in order to ensure accurate evaluations, identify programmes and achieve the necessary coordination;
- The PRC, with the support of the Federation, took the initiative to convene coordination meetings for national and international NGOs which are cooperating in the assistance to the earthquake victims;
- The regional delegation in Buenos Aires provided support to PADRU as regards coordination with the National Society, in particular the headquarters in Lima, and in the areas of information, finance/administration and reporting;
- During the first four days, an assessment and relief team was established in Arequipa. It consisted of four logisticians (2 emergency response unit (ERU), 1 Federation, 1 PRC), four relief delegates from regional assessment teams, a head of operations and a general coordinator;
- Damage and needs assessments, although difficult given the dispersion of the population, were undertaken;
- A logistics system in Arequipa, Tacna, Moquegua and Camana was implemented;
- Reception, classification and warehousing of the relief goods was carried out;
- Relief distributions took place;
- Health activities: "Jornadas medicas" providing care to rural communities took place;
- An operational structure was established;
- Environmental brigades were set up and assessment for the development of water and sanitation projects was carried out.

Other

Several other natural disasters, of varying degrees of severity, occurred in the region during the reporting period. For example, tremors were felt in Chile and Bolivia and extreme cold in southern Argentina affected populations. In each case, the regional delegation kept in close contact with the National Societies.

Disaster Preparedness

- To strengthen national society capacity in disaster response.

The above objective is linked to the necessity to develop a Pan-American disaster preparedness, prevention and response strategy. This potentially lengthy process is to be initiated in order that national societies, the regional delegations and PADRU establish emergency strategies and associated plans of action.

During the reporting period, plans to develop a Pan-American DP/DR strategy continued. A regional disaster relief meeting was scheduled from 23-27 July. Unfortunately, as a result of the earthquake in Peru, the meeting had to be rescheduled for 13-17 August.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Evaluate the current situation regionally and of each national society's department of disaster relief;
- Identify key components of an effective and efficient regional and national society disaster preparedness, prevention and response strategy;
- Design a two-year regional and national society disaster preparedness, prevention and response strategy;
- Formulate a one-year detailed plan of action, according to the components identified, at the regional and national society level.

The meeting will address all areas of disaster preparedness, prevention and response as well as how to best use the existing resources throughout the region. This will also include the role each national society will play within its respective inter-institutional national emergency disaster relief plans.

The results of the meeting will determine the workplan for the national societies and the regional delegation over the next year, at which time plans will be reviewed and modified accordingly. The support given to each national society by the Federation will, in part, be determined by the availability of funds, the commitment made

by the national societies and in accordance with priorities, as identified by the regional delegation. The results of the meeting will be shared with the other regional delegations in order to develop a Pan-American strategy.

- To strengthen and extend the Disaster Community Education Project.

Andino Project

During the reporting period, the community education for disaster preparedness and prevention project in the Andean countries of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela was expanded. Working in 46 communities in the most vulnerable areas of the four countries, the project aims to improve the ability of vulnerable communities to respond to natural disasters through strengthening community organization.

Utilizing a participatory methodology, the project focuses on reducing the conditions of vulnerability in communities and implementing healthy life styles through improved hygiene practices, educational presentations, the detection of risks and threats, training of community resources and the drawing up of Red Cross branch and community emergency plans. Community brigades will be formed and emergency units strengthened.

During the last three months the following activities were carried out and results achieved:

- Mid term evaluations were held in each of the four countries with the participation of regional, national society and local coordinators;
- A regional mid term evaluation was held in Ecuador. The regional representative from ECHO participated as well as the regional delegate for the American Red Cross;
- A field visit by the regional DP delegate and the project coordinator was carried out in Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela for evaluation purposes;
- Over 2,000 community leaders/facilitators in the four countries were trained;
- Disaster simulation activities were staged in all participating communities;
- Communities received training in the development of micro projects designed to improve community organization capacities and to mitigate the impact of disasters. Final proposals were submitted in July and projects implemented during August and September;
- Tools are being developed to measure more effectively the impact of the project in the community, specifically in the areas of community organization, participation by all sectors of the community (with a focus on women), cultural sensitivity, analytical and problem solving skills and the capacity of community members to articulate needs;
- An institutional impact assessment is also being carried out in areas such as the capacity of Red Cross volunteers and community members to plan, implement and evaluate concepts/plans/projects, the quality of inter-institutional relations, the capacity to meet community-identified needs, conflict resolution skills within the Red Cross branches and in community organizations

The process of developing a new proposal has already begun to ensure sustainability of the project. The new proposal will focus on expanding the successes to new geographic areas and to concentrate on preparing not only communities, but local authorities in disaster preparedness and prevention.

During the remaining three months of the project, micro projects and community-based emergency disaster plans will be completed. Both will serve to consolidate the community's capacity to quickly and efficiently respond not only to natural disasters but to the wide range of challenges they face and to give structure to the knowledge and skills gained by both Red Cross volunteers and community members.

- To extend and strengthen the Camalote project. The project will aim to reduce the vulnerability of 14 depressed urban districts in the Plata river basin in 2001, and 18 in 2002, by improving their disaster preparedness capacities and promoting health, sanitation and community development activities.

The implementation of nine Camalote micro projects started in nine branches in Argentina and Paraguay. In Uruguay the project is being revised and the National Society has committed itself to again be part of Camalote in 2002. The plan to include Bolivia in the project has been postponed given funding constraints which have also resulted in the project being implemented in nine branches, rather than 14, as planned. Last year, all branches doubled the financial support provided by the Federation through local fund raising and strategic alliances. Efforts to find local support for this year are well under way.

In two of the Argentinean branches; Concepcion del Uruguay and Resistencia, meetings on disaster preparedness and coordination were held with the local authorities, the municipalities and the Civil Defence.

During the reporting period, the project was monitored closely by the team in the regional delegation and technical input was provided for the formulation of the micro projects. The team maintains continuous contact with the national coordinators of Camalote.

- To establish strategic regional and national partnerships. Coordination with United Nations agencies (UNDP, OCHA, WHO/PAHO), national governments, local authorities and private sponsors will be strengthened to promote the exchange of knowledge and information.

Relations with national partners in both Peru and Bolivia have been established as a result of the disasters which occurred this year in these countries. In both operations relations were strengthened with OPS, WFP, UNDP as well as with national and international NGOs and local authorities.

Other

Through funding from DFID, the Chilean Red Cross is continuing a community education programme. The programme utilizes Federation resources and materials modified for the country situation. The project will continue until the end of the year. Plans are being developed to secure additional funding to ensure sustainability.

The regional delegation is working closely with the Peruvian and Spanish Red Cross Societies in order to harmonize the strategies of the two Societies' community education projects in DP (both funded by DIPECHO). Regional delegation staff attended the final evaluation of the Peruvian project and are working closely in the development of the second year funding proposals.

During the next quarter, a detailed DP programme will be developed as part of the rehabilitation and development phase of the Peru earthquake appeal. This initiative will look at all aspects of disaster preparedness including community education, the development of emergency disaster plans in conjunction with local authorities and NGOs and increasing the capacity of the branches to respond to emergency situations.

In conjunction with one of the organizational development delegates, a case study focusing on gender sensitive vulnerability and capacity assessments was planned for. This will be carried out in Peru until the end of the year.

Humanitarian Values

- To support the dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and the Movement's humanitarian values through the youth network, promoting among children and young people attitudes of non-violence, tolerance, reciprocal respect and equality of opportunities among men and women.

No specific activities took place as no funding was available. Nevertheless, the youth departments of the National Societies continued to include the promotion of attitudes of non-violence, tolerance, reciprocal respect and equality of opportunities among men and women in their work in school centres, inspired by the workshop held in November last year during the annual youth assembly.

- To promote volunteering in the region, increasing the participation and commitment of the population in social welfare issues through collaboration with the Red Cross.

The Uruguayan Red Cross produced a CD with a new Red Cross song written and performed by Daniel Deniese, a famous Uruguayan musician. The CD was distributed to all National Societies of the region. The song was translated into English and French for use outside the region.

Health and Care

The regional health delegate finished his contract with the Federation in January 2001 and has not yet been replaced. During the reporting period, a candidate was identified. As a result, most activities planned for the reporting period were not carried out. However, HIV/AIDS prevention and Amazonico activities were carried out by other personnel within the regional delegation. The relevant objectives are stated below.

- To promote HIV/AIDS prevention education in all national societies which are ensuring education through youth programmes (five societies in 2001 and five in 2002).

See youth activities under the organisational and resource development programme.

- To continue the Amazonico programme, promoting integrated development and improving health, nutrition and education conditions in 15 communities in the Amazon basin. The Amazonico programme covers part of Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, focusing on vulnerable communities living in areas with environmental and social problems. First established in 1998, the programme was extended in 1999 from 5 to 15 Red Cross branches, with each participating community identifying its own needs.

The implementation of five of the six micro projects financed through the Federation this year began during the reporting period. In Venezuela, the project has been delayed but local strategic alliances have been achieved and major implication of the National Society's project office was ensured. In Colombia a meeting between the people involved in the Zona Andino DP project and Amazonico (regional delegation consultant, regional DP delegate, liaison delegate in Colombia and the Colombian Red Cross Society national and local coordinators) was held in June to find ways of integrating the Federation's activities with the National Society. In the Colombian Red Cross Society, the planning of the extension to yet another branch, Meta, continued. The participatory planning workshop, which is the initial activity at branch level, is planned for the third quarter. Through the introduction in Meta, the programme will have reached 17 branches. Apart from the six new micro projects planned for this year, four branches are finalizing projects relating to last year. The seven branches where the micro projects were implemented in the first phase of the programme, continue to work with the same communities. In the majority of cases, the branches managed to raise funds for the projects in local development from new sources.

The national meetings on the second phase of the programme were scheduled. The first will be organized in Colombia at the end of August. During these meetings both operational and organizational development issues

will be tackled to ensure the quality of the projects and the strengthening of the capacities of the National Societies both at headquarters and at local level. In order to transfer the methodology and experience, a number of branches which are not involved in Amazonico will be invited. Efforts are made to involve the branches where the Federation is supporting other activities, mainly through the Zona Andina disaster preparedness programme.

During the reporting period, the project was monitored closely by the team in the regional delegation. Technical input was given in the formulation of the micro projects. The team maintains continuous contact with the national Amazonico coordinators. As there was no health delegate during the first semester, the delegation's Amazonico activities were confined to programme management and technical input on community development.

Organizational and Resource Development

In addition to the activities reported against the objectives below, the regional delegation provides tailored support to specific needs or events in the national societies. The two OD delegates visited eight of the ten national societies during the first semester. The Peruvian and Uruguayan Red Cross Societies were visited twice and the Argentine Red Cross benefited from support.

- To provide training in the identification, planning, management and evaluation of plans, programmes and projects in at least five national societies during 2001, and in at least four in 2002.

To date this year, support to the national development planning processes was given to the Argentine, Bolivian, Colombian and Uruguayan Red Cross Societies.

In the regional management workshop organized in May in Cartagena, Colombia, the project management cycle was one item on the agenda. A separate meeting report is available in Spanish upon request. A national training session on the project management cycle was also held at the Venezuelan Red Cross in May.

- To strengthen financial resource development in at least eight national societies in the region and to improve the financial capacity of at least five of them in 2001 and the rest in 2002.

Support to the implementation of resource development programmes was given to the Argentine and Chilean Red Cross and to some extent to the Bolivian and Ecuadorian Red Cross following initiatives started in 1999-2000.

At the regional management workshop mentioned above, financial resource development was also on the agenda. The session focused on how to draw up a resource development plan based on experiences shared by the Spanish Red Cross and the Mexican Red Cross, whose resource development director participated in the workshop. As the Mexican Red Cross is also the coordinator of the inter-American communication and resource development forum, the director made a presentation of the recommendations of the 5th Forum celebrated in Panama in February 2001. The Chilean Red Cross which is member of the commission on resource development of the Forum agreed to develop a resource development network.

- To provide leadership and governance training for members of the governing and management bodies of at least five national societies in 2001 and five in 2002.

The Buenos Aires regional delegation has been selected to pilot the leadership development programme developed by the organizational development department of the Secretariat. The planning of activities and design of training materials described in the appeal for this region were therefore adapted to the pilot phase of this programme. Detailed information on this pilot programme is available upon request.

Proposals on national leadership and management training have been drawn up for the Bolivian and Chilean Red Cross Societies. The plan is to conduct training sessions during the third quarter if funding is available. In

the regional management workshop, at which 20 representatives of national societies were present, themes such as transparency and visibility were discussed.

- To support the region's national societies in strengthening their internal and external communications.

Support was given to the distance education programme in Chile, the first phase of which will be concluded with an evaluation meeting in July 2001. The programme has not yet started in Bolivia given a lack of funding.

As a follow up to the 5th inter-American communication and resource development forum, the survey on internet and web pages was updated and sent to all national societies. The forum's document on internal communication was also finalised and forwarded to all national societies. The regional delegation plans to use this document in workshops in order to promote improved internal communication in the national societies. For instance, it will be used in order to assist the national coordinators of the Amazonico programme.

The first issue of *Noticias de America Latina* was prepared but has not yet been printed given funding constraints. The Spanish Red Cross provided a recent contribution, thanks to which the magazine will be printed during the third quarter.

During this quarter the Buenos Aires regional delegation contributed considerably to the Federation web page for Latin America (www.cruzroja.org) to which all web pages of the national societies are connected. *Noticias de America Latina* will also be posted on the web.

Journalists were approached by the regional information officer on 8 May, the Red Cross Day, and for the launch of *World Disaster Report*. Supporting material was sent to the national societies of the region for both events. Media activities were also carried out in connection with the Peru earthquake and on 28 June, the information officer of the regional delegation was assigned to the Peru operation.

- To strengthen the structure of the regional youth network and promote its development.

A short version of the regional youth plan, *Plan Sur Joven*, as well as a poster were designed and printed. Distribution to National Societies has begun.

The youth network has gathered for three chat sessions in 2001. After each chat session minutes were distributed to the national societies. Four issues of the youth bulletin were drawn up and sent to the national societies' youth departments.

A special emphasis was given to the HIV/AIDS project in spite of the lack of a health delegate. To date, four national societies have responded to the questionnaire on the programme to facilitate its revision and the undertaking of a mapping of HIV/AIDS work carried out in the region. The Federation's youth peer education material was received in Spanish and the network is now analysing it with regard to the cultural context of the region. A special chat session will take place to discuss this further. The video *Living with...* was distributed to all national societies. In Uruguay, an integrated team from the health and youth departments was established to work on HIV/AIDS issues.

Meetings with the Argentine Red Cross member of the youth commission are held regularly to discuss various youth issues in the region.

- To promote the incorporation of a gender perspective in national society structures, among staff and volunteers, as well as in their programmes, projects and activities.

No separate gender training is provided to the national societies. Instead, gender is integrated into all activities undertaken by the regional delegation with the national societies. To date, the regional youth and gender officer have held gender sessions in youth and volunteering in the Chilean, Argentine, Paraguayan and Uruguayan Red

Cross Societies. Approximately 150 people participated in total. In the Chile and Uruguay National Societies, gender teams have been formed.

The plans for the case study on gender and disaster preparedness moved forward during the reporting period. The OD delegate had meetings, during a visit to the Secretariat, with members of the organizational development and DP/DR departments of the knowledge sharing division for planning purposes. The study will be carried out in Peru during the third and fourth quarter and the results will be shared in December.

The gender material produced in the Buenos Aires regional delegation was introduced on the Federation web page for Latin America (www.cruzroja.org) in order to reach a wider public.

- To support national societies in strengthening their volunteer base.

The assistance to national societies regarding volunteering is based on the volunteering network which is coordinated from the regional delegation. To date, four issues of the volunteering bulletin were forwarded to the national societies.

The delegation provided training in the Argentine and Uruguayan Red Cross Societies while the Peruvian Red Cross received technical input for their activities.

Regional Cooperation

- To support the reinforcement of regional exchange, cooperation and networking.

Technical support was offered to the regional body, CORI, and a meeting is planned for September 2001.

A first planning meeting on the inter American conference (Chile 2003) was held with the team set up for this purpose at Chilean Red Cross.

- To strengthen the regional delegate recruitment programme in South America

One candidate has participated in a BTC outside the region (a Colombian Red Cross volunteer participated in a BTC given by the Norwegian Red Cross).

To date, four delegates were deployed for missions outside the sub region (two to the El Salvador earthquake operation, two to the India earthquake operation).

Coordination and Management

- To improve the efficiency of the Red Cross programmes through better planning and increased resource mobilization.

No specific activities took place mainly due to lack of funding and insufficient human resources.

- To reinforce partnerships inside the Movement, and with external partners.

One of the OD delegates participated in the county assistance strategy (CAS) workshop in Geneva in June in which the experience from the region was shared and knowledge gained.

Monthly meetings took place between the head of the regional delegation and the head of the ICRC regional delegation in Buenos Aires. The delegation cooperated with the ICRC country delegation in Lima regarding OD issues within the Peruvian Red Cross. In Colombia the Federation liaison delegate maintained regular contact with the ICRC delegation and the two institutions participated in the Movement's coordination

meetings hosted by the Colombian Red Cross. In Venezuela coordination between the Federation country delegation and ICRC regional delegation also took place.

During the reporting period representatives from the American Red Cross visited the regional delegation together with representatives from PAHO, Washington and Buenos Aires, to discuss possibilities for cooperation in the field of the integrated management of childhood illnesses, IMCI, strategy. A representative from Italian Red Cross also visited the delegation. During visits to national societies, the delegates met with the bilateral participating National Societies (PNS) representatives in the country to promote enhanced co-operation.

- To improve the delegation's management activities.

No specific activities were undertaken during the reporting period with the exception of general on- going management activities. Monitoring of the Zona Andina disaster preparedness programme, Camalote (DP) and Amazonico (health) was continuous, involving several regional and country delegates as well as local staff and the regional delegation's consultant for community development.

Outstanding needs

The major constraint of the regional delegation for implementation of the appeal is a lack of funding. The programme for promotion of humanitarian values has not received any contributions and the funding situation of the organizational development programme remains critical to ensure implementation of planned activities.

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South America Regional Programmes						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.30/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED			03.09.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				3'939'655		33.9%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
FEDERATION BUDGET				393'739		
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		178'279	EUR	274'264	17.04.01	AMAZONAS PROGRAMMES
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		231'750	NOK	44'048	17.08.2001	HIV/AIDS, PACO
SPANISH - RC		8'000'000	ESP	73'352	18.06.2001	ORGANISATIONAL DEV., YOUTH, INFORMATION
SPANISH - RC		4'000	USD	7'078	18.06.2001	SUPPORT TO MAGAZINE
SPANISH - RC				87'600	18.06.01	REGIONAL DELEGATE
SWEDISH - RC		180'700	SEK	31'388	13.03.01	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
SWEDISH - RC		200'000	SEK	34'740	13.03.01	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - RC		19'300	SEK	3'352	13.03.01	COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		119'300	SEK	20'102	17.05.2001	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, CAMALOTE
SWEDISH - GOVT		400'000	SEK	67'400	17.05.2001	HEALTH AND CARE
SWEDISH - GOVT		230'700	SEK	38'873	17.05.2001	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - RC		150'000	SEK	24'645	30.08.2001	CAMALOTE AGUAPAY
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'100'581	CHF	27.9%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Spain	Delegate(s)			128'788		
Canada	Delegate(s)			55'852		
Sweden	Delegate(s)			49'938		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				234'578	CHF	6.0%