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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES & HUMANITARIAN VALUES

The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 178 countries. For more information: www.ifrc.org

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Context

Several instances of violence around the world in 2001 have demonstrated how vulnerable the principle of humanity is. These incidents as well as other examples of intolerance - such as racism, stigmatisation of people living with HIV/AIDS world wide - illustrate the constant threat to the values at the heart of the Red Cross Red Crescent's work. Over the last five years the Federation Secretariat has been working to promote the understanding and use of the Fundamental Principles within Federation and National Society programmes (as part of the "Promotion of the Movement's Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values"). This has particularly involved the development, with National Societies, of a "From Principles to Action" training programme and the running of this programme on a number of occasions. Response to this has been extremely positive.

Drawing on this experience and the identified need to promote humanitarian values in a world preoccupied with self and driven with tensions based on cultural and ethnic differences, and taking into account the growth of discrimination and violence, especially violence against minorities, in the wake of the events of September 11, the Federation has accelerating its plans to focus on discrimination as a critical issue in this core area.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values provide a valid starting point to begin to make an impact on decreasing the level of tension, combating discrimination, and assisting not only the most vulnerable but also the general public.

To meet these challenges a multi-faceted, multi-year, coordinated approach is needed at the grassroots and community levels where a lasting difference can be achieved. In this context the National Societies have been encouraged to work actively on this issue with their Governments and with the community, with the basis for this action including the Fundamental Principles, Strategy 2010, and the Plan of Action of the International Conference (Geneva-1999) involving new initiatives to meet the needs of vulnerably people and to reduce discrimination and violence in the community.

Key achievements

Objective: Availability of training materials on the Fundamental Principles and evidence of their use by national societies.

Activities undertaken:

- **“Training manual to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the Community”**: As part of the “Action to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the community/ Global- Local”, a training tool was developed based on needs identified during phase 1 of the different regional actions (further details here after). This training manual was tested during the first regional Action in Central Africa (July 2002- French version) and also during the Regional Action in Central Asia (September 2002- Russian version) and made available in English, French and Russian (see below). Information regarding this training material was posted on the Discrimination Web page.
- **“From Principles to Action”**: The 2002 version of the CD-rom “From Principles to Action” was finalised (in it’s English version) after a final test during a workshop organised in Geneva in early February 2002, and versions were translated in other languages (French, Spanish, Arabic). More than 7,000 copies were pre-ordered during the production process and disseminated within the Movement’s network (July to September 2002). This tool is integrated in the Federation’s Basic Training Course (BTC) resulting in some 1,200 newly trained delegates being exposed to this material each year.
- **“Mystery Course” activity and “7 steps for 7 principles” guidelines**: Following the success of the “Mystery course” in May 2001 (test in Middle East and North Africa region, and in a couple of National Societies), which aimed to consolidate Movement understanding and experience of the seven Fundamental Principles, delegations submitted requests for related guidelines. These were designed and tested, then printed in the four official languages and largely distributed within the Movement network. Based on this tool a number of National Society have been able to adapt the Mystery Course activity to their specific context (example : radio game developed by the Senegalese Red Cross Society).

Objective: Red Cross and Red Crescent programmes show a direct application of the Fundamental Principles in service delivery and advocacy.

Following the Federation position at the 2001-UN World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, in Durban in September and the 2001 General Assembly, a **“Global-Local Action to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the community”** was developed. National Societies practices have been identified and shared during network meetings (for instance working Group “Racism and Xenophobia” during Berlin Regional Conference, April 2002).

Regional Actions have been designed based on national and regional needs (e.g. : via VCA, CAS) in 5 different regions (Central Africa, North Africa, Gulf States, Central Asia, Americas). Implementation of the regional actions started in early July 2002 (Central Africa) and also in Central Asia (September 2002) while Think Tank, Community of Practices and Expert Network methods were organised in other regions.

A data collection of National Society practice in the field of reducing discrimination and violence in the community started in Quarter 3 - 2002¹ with several identified for further exploratory work. Good practices analysis is on-going. An up-date of the data with good and best practices should be available on the “Federation’s Discrimination Web Page” quarter 2 (2003).

¹ The experiences of the following 28 National Societies have been collected (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Lithuania, Malawi, Mexique, Nepal, Norway, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sierra Leone, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden) and others are expected (one hundred before the end of 2003).

A specific “**Federation - Discrimination Web Page**” was designed and launched during the summer of 2002, with several links with National Societies, other organisations and important texts of reference. A full kit has been designed allowing different Red Cross and Red Crescent or non Movement player to take real action to reduce discrimination. This Web Page presents the following topics:

- Background and outline of the *Action to Reduce Discrimination*.
- Information Kit - a selection of resources designed especially to help National Societies and Regional Delegations design activities and campaigns to reduce discrimination and violence in the community.
- Background texts: Red Cross Red Crescent commitments and statutory decisions.
- External background texts - Relevant international human rights legal instruments.
- Advocacy - Speeches and “news and press releases related to the fight against discrimination.
- Communication - examples of communication tools.
- Training - and training resources available for use in programmes and activities to reduce discrimination.
- Additional resources - further detailed documentation describing the role of the Red Cross Red Crescent.
- National Society activities & regional activities - examples and links to current national programs and activities related to the *Action to Reduce Discrimination* and a summary of current regional activities.
- Creative expressions of the fight against discrimination - drama, songs and poetry which illustrate inventive ways of tackling the problem of discrimination.
- Related links - other organisations involved in reducing discrimination and further resources.

A technical and contextual **exploratory research** was also provided, identifying, through existing National Societies programmes and based on available dates (Partnership profiles, appeals reports, ...) how action to reduce discrimination, Principles and Values can and/or are integrated in the different programmes and services. The discrimination agenda has been integrated in the 2002 version of the CD ROM “From Principles to Action”.

Lessons learned: This core area requires horizontal involvement across the organisation, providing it with many opportunities to interact with colleagues and to work within the framework of knowledge sharing with national societies, delegations and the ICRC, among others. Potential areas for technical partnerships have already been identified with the ICRC to ensure a better sharing of tools and networks, and joint training sessions have already been proposed and run (for instance “From Principles to Action” Workshop, early February 2002 and early September).

Conclusions, and reflections on impact: 2002 was a challenging step for the global programme. There is a real commitment and interest in reducing discrimination but the difficulty to address the issue and to identify concrete impact indicators both in the short and long-term can be perceived by some actors as an obstacle or a reason to slow down their contribution. In this context, some efforts have been provided to better identify how tools, programmes and protocols really impact in the community and change behaviour. The available funds have allowed the programme to clarify its strategic direction and priorities and to make real progress in establishing a solid basis of work to take forward with delegations and national societies to enable the federation to raise awareness and change behaviour through its programmes and commitments.

All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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Project(s): G34000
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I - CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL

FUNDING	CASH		KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL INCOME
	Contributions	Comments	Goods/Services	Personnel	
Appeal budget	1,024,244				
less Cash brought forward	10,786				
TOTAL ASSISTANCE SOUGHT	1,013,458				
<u>Contributions from Donors</u>					
DFID - British Government (DFID)	24,000				24,000
DFID 3- British Government (DFID03)	72,612				72,612
Italian Red Cross (DNIT)	14,625				14,625
Swedish Govt.via Swedish Red Cross (DGNSE)	32,120				32,120
TOTAL	143,357				143,357

II - Balance of funds

OPENING	10,786
CASH INCOME Rcv'd	143,357
CASH EXPENDITURE	-112,781

CASH BALANCE	41,361

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III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures

Description	APPEAL Budget	CASH Expenditures	KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL Expenditures	Variance
			Goods/services	Personnel		
<u>SUPPLIES</u>						
Shelter & Construction						
Clothing & Textiles						
Food & Seeds						
Water & sanitation						
Medical & First Aid						
Teaching materials						
Utensils & Tools						
Other relief supplies						
Sub-Total						
<u>CAPITAL EXPENSES</u>						
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles						
Computers & Telecom equip.	71,280					71,280
Medical equipment						
Other capital expenditures						
Sub-Total	71,280					71,280
<u>TRANSPORT & STORAGE</u>						
Sub-Total						
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
Personnel	45,375	4,952			4,952	40,423
Sub-Total	45,375	4,952			4,952	40,423
<u>GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION</u>						
Assessment/Monitoring/experts	130,000	78,112			78,112	51,888
Travel & related expenses	80,000	12,354			12,354	67,646
Information expenses	280,000	2,265			2,265	277,735
Admin./general expenses	225,000	2,692			2,692	222,308
External workshops & Seminars	80,000					80,000
Sub-Total	795,000	95,423			95,423	699,577
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>						
Programme management	69,012	8,437			8,437	60,575
Technical services	20,603	1,882			1,882	18,721
Professional services	22,974	2,087			2,087	20,887
Sub-Total	112,589	12,406			12,406	100,183
Operational provisions						
Transfers to National Societies						
TOTAL BUDGET	1,024,244	112,781			112,781	911,463