

Programme Update 2007



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Caribbean

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This report covers the period of 01/01/2007 to 31/05/2007.

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



A Jamaica Red Cross volunteer attends to a young boy injured during the Cricket World Cup.

In brief

Programme Summary:

- The first five months of 2007 saw some key meetings to reflect, consolidate and establish the future direction for work in the Sub-Region. The year started with the Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross (CCORC) biennial meeting, bringing together all the Caribbean National Societies, the Federation, Partner National Societies (PNS), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and external partners. The Caribbean Red Cross also came together for a meeting on International Disaster Response Law, together with their government representatives to move forward the dialogue on this. In addition, the important annual Pre Hurricane Meeting took place; leading to the development of the regional disaster contingency plans which seek to ensure that National Societies (NS) are better aware of the support and resources available in the region and know how to make the most of them. Finally there was significant discussion and dialogue in the preparation of the Inter American Conference - held in Guayaquil, Ecuador in June 2007 - and the resulting new Plan of Action 2007-2011.
- Fortunately there have been no major disasters during this reporting period, but the region continues to prepare itself for this year's hurricane season, for which above-average activity has been forecast.
- Overall, the Caribbean Appeal remains seriously under funded, with some programmatic support but a serious lack of resources for the activities necessary to support the programmes and for wider support to the NS membership in the region. The main concern is funding for the Organizational Development programme, which is essential to support NS in the region in building their strengths and ensuring regional capacities to support each other.

Needs: 2006 and 2007 Appeal target: CHF 5,633,169 (USD 4,613,759 or EUR 3,523,043) of which 52% is covered; 2006 Appeal target CHF 3,526,778 (USD 2,887,047 or EUR 2,206,787) of which 73% is covered; 2007 the Appeal target CHF 2,106,390 (USD 1,725,135 or EUR 1,318,141) of which 39% is covered. [Click here to go directly to the](#)

attached financial report.

No. of people we help: The Port of Spain Sub Regional Office, in conjunction with the Panama Regional Delegation and the Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU), focuses on building the capacities of the 13 National Societies in the region as well as providing support to the Overseas Branches (OSB) of the British and Netherlands Red Cross in the core programme areas. These NS and OSB are the key beneficiaries of the Federation's support. However, these figures provide an indication of the scope of some of the Federation's programmes during the first five months of 2007.

Programme	Number of People Assisted
Disaster Risk Reduction	At least 300 people trained in VCA practices from 5 countries 25 Community Disaster Response Teams trained 425 People trained in Community Disaster Response 69,600 Beneficiaries in 23 countries
Humanitarian Principles and Values	39,480 visitors to the Caribbean's regional website www.caribbeanredcross.org

Our Partners: Alongside the key Red Cross partners working in the region - such as the British, French, Finnish and Netherlands Red Cross - the Federation continues to build partnerships with external partners through active participation in the East Caribbean Donor Group, (a group comprised of representatives of key intergovernmental agencies and NGOs in the region) and goes on exploring options for closer collaboration with important partners including the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and OXFAM.

Progress towards objectives-by sector

Health and Care

Objective: National Societies in the region have increasingly adhered to their commitments in health and care as laid out in the Plan of Action of the XVIII Inter-American Conference. The NS's health departments have taken steps to grow in the areas of HIV and AIDS, health in emergencies, community health, water and sanitation, and the promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation (VNRBD).

Achievements: During this reporting period, the Regional Health and Care Programme has continued to focus on the fulfilment of its key commitments agreed upon during the XVII Inter American Conference. Additionally, this Programme follows the Global Health and Care Strategy by focusing on intensifying and scaling up its contribution to the development of communities through six strategic directions: capacity building, social mobilization, partnerships, health in emergencies, advocacy, and community empowerment.

Major efforts have accompanied social mobilization initiatives during the first months of 2007. Included in this is the promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation through the 'Club 25' strategy, which is gathering momentum in its scale-up as well as its roll out. A total of six National Societies in the Caribbean will be implementing the 'Club 25' Continental Plan of Action with financial support by the Finnish Red Cross, providing incremental funding as part of a three year partnership commitment. Haiti, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic will be given initial funding for the programme in 2007, with Trinidad, Guyana and Suriname coming on board in 2008. The Health and Care Programme has drafted and printed 'Club 25' brochures aimed at further mobilization of resources. Additionally, a methodology for the evaluation and monitoring of the strategy has been finalized during this reporting period. Another major achievement for 'Club 25' during the past months has been the Continental Proposal for the strategy's continental campaign, which came about as a result of a detailed perception study of 'Club 25' prepared by the advertising and marketing partner, McCann-Erickson.



Margarita Elliot of the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross stands next to a Faces poster at the national launch in February.

With the receipt of funds from the Norwegian Red Cross in May 2007, all is set for the roll-out of the two main HIV and AIDS initiatives: 'Together We Can' - a peer education programme - and 'Faces' - a safe sex campaign. Ten NS have been targeted to receive funding to roll out 'Together We Can' in June 2007; five of these will also receive funding to scale-up their 'Faces' campaign, while the remaining NS have been targeted for Organizational Development assistance in order to strengthen their overall capacity. Additionally, a consultant will be brought in to assist with the implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit for 'Together We Can'.

An initiative under the Caribbean Psychosocial Support Programme, 'Helping to Heal', will be field tested in four National Societies during the second half of 2007. A consultant has been contracted to spearhead this initiative.

The region has been identified as part of the Federation's HIV and AIDS Global Alliance that will develop a new strategy as well as allow for the scaling-up of currently implemented initiatives. Another major alliance that resulted after meeting with the World Food Programme will use the Regional Health and Care Programme toolkit to focus on nutrition and the treatment and care of people living with HIV and AIDS. This alliance has been ratified with negotiations taking place for an eventual continental roll-out of the strategy.

Finally, another priority during the reporting period was the preparation for the XVIII Inter-American Conference in Guayaquil, with one of its key themes of Community Health. A collaborative process involving consultative meetings with a working group established for developing this plan, as well as with PAHO and PNS, resulted in an improved Plan of Action for the next four years focussing on six strategic areas and expected results. The preparation for this conference also included the drafting and printing of the "Improving Health and Care in the Community in Latin America and the Caribbean" brochure which serves as a marketing and fund-mobilizing tool for the programme.

Constraints or Challenges: Overall the Caribbean Health programme continues to suffer from a lack of funding. While the HIV and AIDS and 'Club 25' initiatives continue to be generously supported by the Finnish and Norwegian Red Cross Societies, a number of other proposals to address key health concerns in the region remain unfunded. Serious attention will be paid to increase fund raising efforts.

Looking Ahead: 2007 has been earmarked as the year for drastic scaling up of programmes with specific emphasis on impact. In the Together We Can initiative, NS have been asked to make every attempt to reach at least 750 to 1,000 peers each within their respective countries. If 10 NS societies achieve this, it would mean 7,500 to 10,000 peers reached. As far as the Faces Campaign is concerned, seven NS (including the Dominican Republic) can reach between 50,000 (in the case of smaller NS) and 100,000 (Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica) peers after scaling up their activities. That means a projected total of 350,000 to 700,000 youth reached.

Finally, Club 25 has three NS actively involved in 2007 with direct support from the Federation (Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica). It is estimated that Jamaica will have reached 1,000 youth in 2007, with Club 25 (i.e. members in 2007), but it is hard to estimate the number of peers reached in general.

Disaster Management and Community Risk Reduction

Objective: Strengthened National Societies and Overseas Branches are working to reduce risks, making communities safer and more resilient to disasters.

Achievements: A major focus during 2007 is the emphasis placed on developing NS and the communities in disaster risk reduction. The DIPECHO V Project “*Community Based Disaster Management*” closed on 28 February 2007. Activities in the five implementing countries - Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica and St. Kitts and Nevis - will be maintained to ensure continuity and to extend the reach to other communities. The project reached 69,600 beneficiaries in 23 vulnerable communities and has helped to contribute to Goal 1 of the Federation’s Global Agenda: to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.

Outputs included national and community VCA workshops, training and equipping of 425 Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) members, formulation of community disaster plans, ten simulation exercises and the implementation of 11 micro-mitigation projects. Each country produced a short video on Climate Change, along with a Climate Change flyer and poster. These are available for viewing on the Caribbean Red Cross website (www.caribbeanredcross.org).



CDRTs newly trained through the DIPECHO V Project, responding to a fire in the community of Mudd, Abaco, Bahamas in which 83 persons were left homeless.

A programme evaluation meeting was held in the Bahamas in April, providing an opportunity for an honest look at achievements, challenges and lessons learned. The findings from this have fed into the development of the proposal for the next round of submissions to DIPECHO VI, which has been produced with the full involvement of the Caribbean Disaster Management Network, NSs and OSBs in the Caribbean. The suggested programme will continue to develop certain NS in their community disaster preparedness and risk reduction activities, while also adding a regional component to ensure standard high quality training tools for the benefit of the entire region.

A regional VCA Training of Trainers, planned for the first half of 2007, was not held because of financial constraints; however, plans are to conduct the training before the end of the year.

The new NITs modular training kit, finalized after a period of continual revision in the latter part of 2006 and early 2007 in Central America, will now be adapted to the Caribbean context. However, this delay has allowed for inclusion of the “How To” Guidelines, developed by the Geneva Secretariat, which are a set of global standards that guide NSs on matters related to preparedness and response. It is planned that the English version of the training toolkit will be launched in a regional NITs workshop at the end of the year. Additionally, five of the 13 Community Based Disaster Preparedness Manuals from the *Better be Ready* Series, produced by the Centre of

Reference in Costa Rica, have been translated into English and adapted for the Caribbean. These first translated modules will also be available before the end of the year.

Strengthened relationships with the Red Cross Climate Change Centre in the Hague have been formalized through the signing of MOUs for the *'Preparedness for climate change – understanding and addressing the risks of climate change'* programme. Five countries have commenced work and another five MOUs are soon to be signed. The programme offers NSs the opportunity to improve their understanding of the negative impacts of climate change for their country and programmes. A better understanding of climate change and how extreme weather events could affect vulnerable people will eventually lead to stronger risk reduction programmes. The programme is intended to be flexible, fitting the needs and special circumstances of each NS, and to be carried out in close coordination with regular disaster management activities.

Various key meetings and training have helped further the DM work in the region and help develop and build on the existing capacities in this area. In April, the NS of the Americas came together in Panama, along with their governmental representatives, to further develop the important work on International Disaster Response Law.

In preparation for what is predicted to be an above average hurricane season, a Pre Hurricane Meeting was held in Panama in May and attended by NS and OSB from Central America and the Caribbean. The first two days were for Red Cross participants only, while the last two days included the participation of external partners, including donors, NGOs and United Nations organizations. The overall objective of the meeting was to develop a joint regional 'Contingency Plan' for the upcoming hurricane season. The Red Cross participants worked in groups, to develop Contingency Plans based on varying scenarios. The plans were further developed during the last two days using inputs from the external partners. Resulting from the plans the NS now have a clearer understanding of regional resources and response capacities. The exercise will also support them in developing their own national contingency plans.

The revitalized Caribbean DM Network met in Dominica in April and again after the Pre-Hurricane Meeting in May. Recent activities have included revision and further updating of the network's Terms of Reference, the DM Network Strategic Plan 2007-2008, maintaining communication with Movement and external partners and support to the adaptation of the training tools produced by the Regional Centres of Reference in Costa Rica and El Salvador. Responding to recommendations from the INTRAC Report, the DM Network has increased its use of the internet and the Caribbean Newsletter for communication and information sharing within the region.

Four members from the National Societies of Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname and the Cayman Islands Overseas Branch of the British Red Cross, attended the Federation's Global Relief Training in Geneva in April, helping to build the response capacity in the region, as these persons can not only be deployed in emergencies, but also assist with relief and DM training.

The Federation also conducted a training day on 'shelter' in Panama for the Americas which was attended by NS of the Caribbean. A short presentation on the shelter element of the Suriname Flood Operation was given by the PADRU DM delegate as it was the first opportunity where the Federation performed its role as shelter cluster coordinator in emergencies under the 'humanitarian reform' process. The NS from the Caribbean were requested to assist with the development of shelter questionnaire and the DM Network is managing this process.

As with the other sectors, the participation of the NS in preparation for the XVIII Inter American Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador has been paramount during this reporting period. The Community Risk Reduction Working Group, charged with developing a strategic paper to include a framework and plan of action for community risk reduction in the Americas, held working group meetings in December 2006 (Costa Rica) and again in February 2007 (Dominican Republic). The Caribbean, represented in the working group by the Belize Red Cross Society, provided input to the process from the outset through an open process of ongoing region-wide dialogue. Feedback has been incorporated into the document, as have the recommendations of the Caribbean DM Network who provided technical guidance and support to the Belize Red Cross in the consultation process.

Constraints or challenges: Overall funding - beside DiPECHO - for this programme has been problematic. Due to the contract not being signed until April, there was delay in receiving the ECHO funds for the PADRU

activities in the Caribbean. This resulted in a four month delay in the commencement of the planned activities.

Late country level start-up of the DiPECHO V Project in 2006 meant NS faced challenges to complete the activities by the end of February 2007. The progress of community programmes is hugely dictated by the pace of the community, and 2006 proved to be a challenging year to engage the target population because of the many competing activities in the national calendars of events, including Cricket 2020 and the Cricket World Cup.

The ongoing challenge of translating and adapting training material produced by the Centres of Reference in Spanish, has delayed their printing and dissemination. Working more closely with the Centres of Reference to ensure simultaneous development of materials in both languages would greatly help to speed up the process and further develop the Centres as regional support mechanisms for the Americas. Insufficient funds to conduct a regional VCA Training of Trainers and other regional training in risk reduction has impacted the use of the methodology in countries and communities not involved in DiPECHO V.

Looking Ahead: By the end of 2007, it is expected that the much-needed materials for community risk reduction training will be available to NS and OSB, meeting the commonly recurring concern that although the Red Cross in the Caribbean region has wide community reach, it does not have sufficient tools to work with communities in a standardized fashion that will allow for monitoring of the process and evaluation of the impact. This was also a critical factor identified during DiPECHO V. 425 CDRT members were trained through the project but the content, standards and follow up of training is not harmonized, easily replicated or available for sharing with partners involved in the process. It is hoped that the absence of a harmonized CDRT training methodology will be addressed in 2008 with the development of a comprehensive modular CDRT training kit developed in the Caribbean, utilizing the resources of the Centre of Reference in Costa Rica and shared with Latin America, where the modules are equally needed.

This focus on community and national support for disaster preparedness and response will also be complemented by the further development of the regional capacities through four Regional Intervention Team trainings planned for the second half of the year.

Humanitarian Principles and Values

Objective: National Societies and Overseas Branches have an increased understanding of the principles and values of the Red Cross Movement and are better able to promote these in their own work, both internally and externally.

Achievements: For the period under review, the Humanitarian Principles and Values (HPV) programme focused on promoting the work of the National Societies in the Caribbean Region and building the information and communications capacities of these NS and OSB. HPV has worked closely with all other programmes in the region in an effort to ensure that it was incorporated into each core programme area, particularly HIV and AIDS and Disaster Management.

Efforts were focused on the promotion and maintenance of communications tools such as the Caribbean website www.caribbeanredcross.org and the electronic newsletter “*Caribbean News*”. A total of 19 new stories were added to the website from NS and OSB including Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Belize, Bonaire, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Jamaica, St Kitts and Trinidad and Tobago. Several special pages were added to the website to keep visitors interested, including a section for the Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross (CCORC) Biennial meeting, World Red Cross Red Crescent Day and the 2007 Pre-Hurricane Meeting. The website also showed significant increase in numbers of visitors during this reporting period.

MONTH	NEW VISITORS
January	7,080
February	6,285
March	8,023

April	10,076
May	8,376

Two new NS websites - for Jamaica Red Cross and Grenada Red Cross Society - were developed, while the Guyana Red Cross Society and the St Lucia Red Cross are currently developing their sites. The e-newsletter is currently subscribed to by well over 4,000 persons around the world, with constantly increasing figures.

Effort has also been placed on strengthening the communications and journalist networks in the region. There was an electronic (via skype) Communications Network meeting in March. Topics discussed included the Caribbean Co-operation of the Red Cross (CCORC) Biennial Meeting which was held in Santo Domingo in February, funding, the work plan, terms of reference and the way forward.

During the first half of this year, a group focused on Community Promotion of Non Discrimination and Respect for Diversity - part of the third key focus of the Inter American Conference in June 2007 - met to develop a framework to address Goal 4 of the Global Agenda, “promote respect for diversity and human dignity, and reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion”. This framework falls under the 2007-2011 Inter American Plan of Action and aims to guide the actions of Red Cross entities in the Americas over the next four years in HPV. Components that will be targeted include the continued fight against discrimination, the promotion of diversity to achieve improved understanding within the organization of these values and facilitating awareness-raising within public and private institutions to gain influence at the community level.

Constraints or challenges: The HPV programme in the Caribbean has received no funding for its activities. The absence of funds makes it difficult to achieve some - if not all - of the objectives in the programme. There is a need to undergo greater fundraising efforts for this programme area.

Looking Ahead: Despite the serious lack of financial support to this programme, good progress has been possible on the communications side. However, resources are needed in this area to support the NS in the region in tackling some key social issues in their countries, including those around youth and violence and migration. Funding alternatives Programme support will be further investigated in these areas.

Organizational Development

Objective: National Societies and Overseas Branches are enabled to demonstrate more of the characteristics of well functioning National Societies, thereby providing a more effective service to vulnerable communities.

Achievements: During the first five months of 2007, an excellent “Volunteer Management Toolkit” was distributed to the Caribbean NSs and OSBs. This toolkit supports a more structured approach to recruiting, training and retaining volunteers at a governance and programme level, as well as during emergencies. This has been extremely well received by the NSs, but more support to the role out of this will be given to NS from the Federation’s Caribbean office during the second half of 2007.

Caribbean representation at the Global Volunteer in Emergencies Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in April 2007 provided the opportunity to showcase this toolkit and provide Caribbean input to the recommendations for improvements in policy and practise of volunteering in emergencies for consideration by the Federation Governing Board, respective Federation Global Commissions and ultimately the General Assembly in November 2007. A report on the meeting was presented to the DM Network at their last meeting in Panama and will be the basis for the further development of the toolkit in the area of disaster response.

Following the pre hurricane meeting, there was a half-day session with representatives of the other Caribbean networks, RODNET (Regional Organization and Development Network), COMNET (Communication Network) and CARAN (HIV and AIDS Network). The focus of this first joint meeting of the networks was to respond to the INTRAC review, a consultancy to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the networks in the Americas and to start the process of collective planning. While there is still interest, commitment and member support for RODNET, the network needs reinvigoration.

Constraints or challenges: There has been no direct support for the OD programme through the Appeal, which is a serious constraint for the development of the NS in the region and for the Federation to be able to fulfil its role in providing key membership support.

Looking Ahead: With support linked to the HIV and AIDS funding from the Norwegian Red Cross, a member of the Federation's Sub Regional office will focus on key capacity building support to the NS, especially in regard to the HIV and AIDS programme, but with direct benefits on cross-cutting issues for the other programmes and the NS in the region, to support the Red Cross entities in the region adhere as closely as possible to the criteria of a "well-functioning National Society". This will help reinvigorate the OD programme, with a concerted effort to raise the importance of support in this area for the Caribbean. A key resource in this effort will be RODNET, while recognizing that RODNET itself requires technical and financial support if it is to become sustainable in long-term.

Working in partnership

The importance of partnerships with key organizations and agencies is proving its worth and has been a valued component of all programmes this year.

At the regional level, PADRU - in cooperation with the Federation's Sub Regional office - continues to maintain contact with United Nations agencies present in the region particularly the World Food Programme (WFP) and also with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Relief Agency (CDERA). A meeting was held in Barbados by CDERA as part of their Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) initiative which the Federation is actively involved in, as well as an East Caribbean Donor group meeting specifically focussed on DM in the region

In raising awareness of the importance of risk reduction, there was the promotion of the Riskland Game, produced by International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and United Nations Children's Fund, in schools throughout the Caribbean and the active promotion of the "Risk Reduction begins in School" drawing competition in partnership with ISDR, UNICEF and Plan International.

There were a range of external and UN agencies who attended the Pre Hurricane Meeting, including Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UNICEF, CARE, the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO), Oxfam, the Federation's Climate Change Centre, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), and PLAN.

In the health programme, in the area of social mobilization, the McCann Erickson advertising agency continues the tremendous pro bono work they started with the Faces campaign. This time, they are lending their creative support to the development of the visibility campaign for the Voluntary Non-remunerated Blood Donor programme, Club 25. The final product of this collaboration should be launched in the second half of 2007.

At the national level, within the DiPECHO programme, NSs and OSBs continued to partner with their National Disaster and Social Development Offices and MOUs were developed with the National Disaster Offices in all five participating countries. All NS in the Caribbean are mentioned in their country's National Disaster Plan and many have signed MOUs; the challenge remains to keep them regularly updated. CDRT training demands a close working relationship with partners, particularly in health with government bodies that respond in country to disasters such as the fire departments, meteorological offices, country Climate Change Centres and NGOs.

Also in the health programme, vital links are being made with other organizations. The Federation, with The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society, entered into a partnership with the Trinidad Educational Development Centre to use the Together We Can methodology on the Campus of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine. The project ended on 15 April 2007 with a total of 23 Peer Educators trained and 156 peers met. This collaboration is particularly crucial since a successful outcome could lead to further expansion of the project to

other tertiary institutions not just in Trinidad and Tobago but also throughout the region.

Within the Red Cross Movement partnership and collaboration continued to be of crucial importance. In February the 9th Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross (CCORC) Biennial Meeting was held in the Dominican Republic. Representatives from the NSs and OSBs in the Caribbean, together with PNS, the Federation and the ICRC reflected on progress over the last two years, reviewed current status, the external challenges and consider the future direction of the work in the region. The event spurred productive discussion and debate, while helping to further strengthen the identity of the Red Cross in the region.

With the upcoming Inter American Conference, the meeting was opportune to reflect and provide input to this key event. Participants were privy to interesting presentations on the Caribbean Socio Economic Context, encouraging the Red Cross Movement to become more proactive in developing threats and concentrate its work on vulnerable communities.

World RC Day, with the theme “together for Humanity” was jointly honoured by the three components of the Red Cross Movement based in Trinidad, collaborated together on various ventures surrounding World RC day, including Parades, fundraising gala event and TV interviews and the ICRC and the Federation collaborated on a joint training on the Seville agreement and its additional protocols, for 10 NS, which was followed by a communications workshop.

PIRAC has become a key partner in the region in relation to NS and community disaster preparedness and response, linking closely with the training PADRU provides for regional response.

Contributing to longer-term impact

During this first part of 2007, the Sub Regional Office worked to improve the regional capacity to respond to disasters through the scaling up of actions with vulnerable communities in disaster risk reduction. It has also significantly promoted respect for human dignity through tolerance, anti-stigma and non-discrimination messages in terms of HIV and AIDS advocacy and planning, contributing to the Federation’s goals of the Global Agenda.

The Code of Conduct and Sphere standards are applied and adhered to at all levels. During training workshops there are modules which include training in these areas and the Federation uses a standard catalogue for the procurement of relief items which conforms to Sphere standards.

Concerning gender and diversity, all programmes of the Port of Spain Sub Regional Office aim towards ensuring a balance in numbers of women and men attending workshops and having access to training and development opportunities. However, this has not always been an easy approach since many of the NS have found difficulty in getting male participants. This is an area that will require greater effort in the future.

Looking Ahead

As described in the programme sections above the remainder of 2007 will be an exceptionally busy period in light of the implementation of the ongoing and the development of new programmes.

A key focus will be on supporting the Federation and the NS in the region to align their plans with the new Inter American plan 2007- 2011 endorsed at the Inter American Conference in June 2007. In the region the Federation prepares for the change to a more decentralised method of operating aimed at being more closely linked to its membership, with the establishment of the new Zone office based in Panama. This will see the Sub Regional office change to the Caribbean Regional office reporting directly to the Zone office.

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MAA49001 - THE CARIBBEAN

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/05
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAA49001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	1,380,626	2,776,835	198,150	456,738	820,820	5,633,169
B. Opening Balance	93,838	1,419,877	0	108,649	60,826	1,683,190
Income						
Cash contributions						
American Red Cross		0				0
Andorra Red Cross		7,890				7,890
British Red Cross	0	0		22,741	50,056	72,796
Canadian Red Cross Society		8,552	0		0	8,552
DFID Partnership	25,944	40,304	17,462		7,484	91,194
ECHO		638,405				638,405
Guyana, private donors	21,564					21,564
ICRC					1,307	1,307
Luxembourg Red Cross					8,589	8,589
Netherlands Red Cross					274	274
Norwegian Red Cross	385,449					385,449
Suriname Red Cross	1,696					1,696
Swedish Red Cross	51,330					51,330
Trinidad & Tobago - Private Donors					0	0
C1. Cash contributions	485,983	695,151	17,462	22,741	67,711	1,289,048
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
ECHO		-628,817				-628,817
Guyana, private donors	14,500					14,500
Netherlands Red Cross					-271	-271
Norwegian Red Cross	343,400					343,400
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	357,900	-628,817			-271	-271,188
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
American Red Cross		373				373
Barbados Red Cross Society		5,116				5,116
British Red Cross		22,372			44,960	67,332
Canadian Red Cross Society		10,161	5,201		-5,201	10,161
Capacity Building Fund				0		0
DFID - British Government					0	0
European Commission		0				0
Icelandic Red Cross		534				534
ICRC					4,392	4,392
Italian DREF		10,771				10,771
Japanese Red Cross Society		-45,629	7,000		45,541	6,912
Monaco Red Cross		1,619				1,619
Netherlands Red Cross		5,210				5,210
Norwegian Red Cross					0	0
Suriname Red Cross					-1,505	-1,505
Swedish Red Cross		17,726				17,726
Trinidad & Tobago - Private Donors		2,638			-2,887	-250
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or		30,890	12,201	0	85,300	128,392
Inkind Personnel						
British Red Cross					76,053	76,053
C5. Inkind Personnel					76,053	76,053
Other Income						
Services & Recoveries					22,266	22,266
C6. Other Income					22,266	22,266
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	843,884	97,224	29,663	22,741	251,059	1,244,571
D. Total Funding = B + C	937,722	1,517,101	29,663	131,390	311,886	2,927,761

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MAA49001 - THE CARIBBEAN

Interim Financial Report

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Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
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Budget	APPEAL

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II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	93,838	1,419,877	0	108,649	60,826	1,683,190
C. Income	843,884	97,224	29,663	22,741	251,059	1,244,571
E. Expenditure	-637,933	-1,376,256	-36,658	-108,375	-447,462	-2,606,682
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	299,789	140,845	-6,994	23,015	-135,576	321,079

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		1,380,626	2,776,835	198,150	456,738	820,820	5,633,169	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	74,820		43,346				43,346	31,474
Construction Materials	256,600	3,324	20,703				24,027	232,573
Clothing & textiles	189,014	92	63,736				63,828	125,185
Food	1,279							1,279
Water & Sanitation			1,160				1,160	-1,160
Medical & First Aid	20,150		15,098				15,098	5,053
Teaching Materials	5,000	14,114	1,190				15,304	-10,304
Utensils & Tools	47,849		70,653				70,653	-22,804
Other Supplies & Services	65,338	229	64,136				64,365	973
Total Supplies	660,050	17,759	280,022				297,782	362,268
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings			228,622				228,622	-228,622
Vehicles	52,000		75,707				75,707	-23,707
Computers & Telecom	107,390	6,714	80,254	1,297		1,707	89,972	17,418
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	5,100		4,069			7,923	11,992	-6,892
Others Machinery & Equipment			8,323				8,323	-8,323
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	164,490	6,714	396,975	1,297		9,630	414,616	-250,126
Transport & Storage								
Storage	57,995	123	13,844			272	14,239	43,756
Distribution & Monitoring	56,881	102	15,628			751	16,481	40,400
Transport & Vehicle Costs	45,782	1,785	13,358		213	10,737	26,093	19,689
Total Transport & Storage	160,658	2,011	42,830		213	11,760	56,813	103,845
Personnel Expenditures								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	465,862	4,566	9,309	23		172,866	186,764	279,098
Delegate Benefits	141,000							141,000
Regionally Deployed Staff	103,500	1,787	94,844		144	2,340	99,115	4,385
National Staff	588,721	80,206	108,264	16,250	35,319	83,217	323,256	265,465
National Society Staff	73,672	1,171	118,703			24	119,898	-46,226
Consultants	135,380	47,672	40,992		2,927	1,051	92,642	42,738
Total Personnel Expenditures	1,508,135	135,403	372,111	16,273	38,390	259,498	821,674	686,461
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	1,518,395	293,269	344,886	7,087	27,004	10,850	683,096	835,299
Total Workshops & Training	1,518,395	293,269	344,886	7,087	27,004	10,850	683,096	835,299
General Expenditure								
Travel	459,245	44,703	67,313	4,712	9,372	22,212	148,312	310,933
Information & Public Relation	460,530	68,942	107,789	50	19,170	12,713	208,664	251,866
Office Costs	189,750	5,446	41,084	1,024	261	58,649	106,464	83,286
Communications	72,070	24,834	18,046	566	8,807	21,293	73,546	-1,476
Professional Fees	64,850	416	264		75	294	1,049	63,801
Financial Charges	5,720	14,172	43,485	3,266	8,313	4,357	73,593	-67,873
Other General Expenses	3,120	-3,769	231		96	4,391	950	2,170
Total General Expenditure	1,255,285	154,745	278,213	9,618	46,093	123,910	612,579	642,706
Program Support								
Program Support	366,156	41,466	89,457	2,383	7,044	28,750	169,100	197,056
Total Program Support	366,156	41,466	89,457	2,383	7,044	28,750	169,100	197,056
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		-13,433	-428,238		-10,370	3,064	-448,977	448,977
Total Operational Provisions		-13,433	-428,238		-10,370	3,064	-448,977	448,977
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	5,633,169	637,933	1,376,256	36,658	108,374	447,462	2,606,682	3,026,486

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BUDGET (C)		1,380,626	2,776,835	198,150	456,738	820,820	5,633,169	
VARIANCE (C - D)		742,693	1,400,579	161,492	348,363	373,359	3,026,486	