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In Brief

Appeal No. 25/03; Operations Update No. 22; Period covered: 1 July to 30 September 2005; Appeal Coverage: 92.6 % ***(Please click here to go directly to the Contributions List)***

Appeal history:

- Revised Appeal launched on 8 January 2004 for CHF 51,913,000 (USD 44,068,425 or EUR 33,445,680) to assist 210,000 beneficiaries for 6 – 8 months.
- Revised Plan of Action presented on 29 September 2004, to reflect on-going programming into 2005, under the overall Emergency Appeal. A revised appeal budget for the period December 2003 to end December 2005 reflects the revised Plan of Action, and totalling to CHF 53,288,000 (USD 45,231,315 or EURO 34,324,335).
- Final Report for the Emergency Operation Phase of the Bam Appeal, covering the period from 26 December 2003 to 31 August 2004, presented on 8 December 2004 in Operations Update No.19.

Outstanding needs (revised according to plan): CHF 3,918,466

The Federation Secretariat is not looking for any new cash contributions. All projects, planned to be implemented through multilateral support and included in the revised plan of action, received sufficient support. The balance required represent the budgetary needs for the projects which a) have been planned to be implemented through bilateral cooperation or b) have been already implemented but not formally reported yet to the Federation Secretariat.

Operational Summary:

In July-September 2005, the International Federation and the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) have continued working on the implementation of the longer-term recovery plan, replenishment of the national society disaster preparedness (DP) stocks depleted following emergency relief operation in Bam, as well as for further enhancing the efficiency of the IRCS disaster management operational systems. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Iranian Red Crescent Societies are implementing one of the largest international humanitarian programs in the field of reconstruction in Bam.

Nine schools, urban health centre and the IRCS Road Rescue Base have constituted the core of the multilateral reconstruction programme which has been supplemented by a number of important reconstruction projects implemented by the IRCS either through the local means or through the support of bilateral partners.

A number of disaster management training workshops have been organised. Training on Psychological Support Programme (PSP) and HIV/AIDS are progressing according to the agreed plan. The planned progress in this area has been slowed down by difficulties related to the missions of foreign experts to Iran. The replenishment of IRCS disaster preparedness stocks following Zarand earthquake has been generally completed.

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The IRCS maintains a website (www.rcs.ir) both in English and Farsi which also provides the latest information, operational updates, reports, interviews and news on the Bam operation to the public.

Background

On the morning of 26th December 2003 at 05:28 (local time) a major earthquake measuring 6.51 on the Richter scale struck the city of Bam, Kerman Province, south-eastern Iran. According to seismologists, the earthquake was one of the shallowest recorded, with a focal depth of only 10-12 kilometres and the epicentre directly underneath Bam city. Bam is located on a main earthquake fault line. In Iran, which is ranked as the fourth most disaster prone country in the world, this was the worst earthquake to hit the country in more than a decade. According to the latest estimates, more than 26,000 people were killed, approximately 30,000 injured (of which some 10,000 were evacuated out of the area):

In Bam more than 85 percent of the buildings were completely destroyed. For more information and details of the human loss, financial and material consequences of the disaster, please refer to Operations Update No. 21 at ***http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/250321.pdf***

Objectives, activities and results

Recovery Program

Objective: In close cooperation with the Iranian Authorities and the IRCS, to contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the education, health and social infrastructure of Bam.

The International Federation and IRCS have been implementing a large scale humanitarian reconstruction program in the earthquake affected area of Bam and surrounding villages. It is the largest multilaterally supported international humanitarian assistance programme in Iran following the Bam earthquake of 2003.

1. Schools Construction

On 11 January 2005, the International Federation signed an agreement with the IRCS and the Ministry of Education of Iran on the construction of ten schools in Bam and its suburbs. Construction of the first standard schools started in April 2005.

1.1. Standard Schools Construction Program

Below is the table which contains the relevant data on the revised scope and scale of the works:

Table No 1: Breakdown of the size by sub-project

Standard School Type	Description and size of built in area m^2/m						Total Project Const. area, m2
	Main building	Platform Around Main Building	Guard House	External Sanitation Facilities	Masonry walls	Land-scaping	
Jihad Primary Sch.	1,812	210	60	45	212	1,939	2,966
Montazeri Rimary	1,812	210	60	45	307	3,418	4,446
Farhangian Primary	1,812	210	60	45	176	2,645	3,673
Khafi High	2,475	102	60	45	280	3,388	4,724
Shamsaddini High	2,765	258	60	45	346	5,421	6,891
Total	**10,676**	**990**	**300**	**225**	**1,321**	**16,811**	**22,700**

Almost no progress was made with the construction of five standard schools in April – June 2005. Substantial part of the construction works was halted because of the unexpected changes (contrary to the agreement signed with the Ministry of Education in January 2005) of the three schools' locations and other related problems. All these technical and legal problems were finally resolved by the Federation Delegation in Iran at the end of June – beginning of July.

These changes and subsequent delays in the contract's implementation resulted in extensive extra designing and physical works and sites' adaptation. It caused more than two months delay in the implementation of the project. The General Contractor was able to restart its work only on 10 July

2005. The Federation had to absorb extra costs generated by these changes and subsequent delays. Implementation timetables reflecting important milestones in the process had to be adjusted.

Technical Progress and Brief Specification

Bam and its surrounding villages are located close to several active seismic faults. Therefore, the foundation as a base of the building has to be designed and laid down with the full consideration of the regulations applicable to the high-risk *EQ* zones. This task has been implemented under direct management and technical monitoring of the local Consulting Engineering Company's and Federation's technical specialists.

Table No 2: Progress in Construction

Progress Report									
Type of School & Progress to Date			Excavation	Foundation	Steel Structure	Surrounding Wall	Brick Masonry of Basement Walls	Setting the Workshop	Total Progress
1	Farhangian Primary School	**% of physical progress**	100	100	64.09	59.00	0	100	
		Overall percentage	**2**	**7.8**	**11.66**	**2.07**	**0**	**2**	*25.53*
2	Jahad Primary School	**% of physical progress**	100	100	60.55	70.25	80	100	
		Overall percentage	**2**	**7.8**	**11.02**	**2.46**	**0.4**	**2**	*25.68*
3	Montazery Primary School	**% of physical progress**	100	100	60.59	41.00	0	100	
		Overall percentage	**2**	**7.8**	**11.03**	**1.44**	**0**	**2**	*24.26*
4	Shamsoddini High School	**% of physical progress**	100	100	60.62	41.00	0	100	
		Overall percentage	**2**	**7.8**	**11.03**	**1.44**	**0**	**2**	*24.27*
5	Kafi High School	**%of physical progress**	100	100	52.33	41.00	0	100	
		Overall percentage	**2**	**7.8**	**9.52**	**1.44**	**0**	**2**	*22.76*

Average Progress	%	**24.5**

Footing form with reinforcement steel Structure installed at Farhangian Primary School site

Ready mixed factory concrete was casted by the cement content of 350 kg/m3 which must maintain the strength of 25 MP. Taking into consideration the fact of extreme daytime temperature of Bam city, concrete works are allowed at nights only. *(Concrete works are allowed to be done at max. 35 Celsius.)*

To meet the technological requirements, time is to be given for concrete to age and to get its maturity. Foundation will have to have time to reach its maturity and resistance up to 10-15 days after placement.

Steal Structure: While reinforcement and concrete works have been in process, workshop welders have been implementing steel structure preparation, welding works and corrections.

Welding sub-contractors have been employed by the Contractor. Sub-contractors have been engaged in preparation of steel structure columns, beams and joints at site workshops. Welding joints and beams and columns have been done at the workshop before erection. Welding tests have been organised in stages by the specialized laboratory to examine the strength of welding.

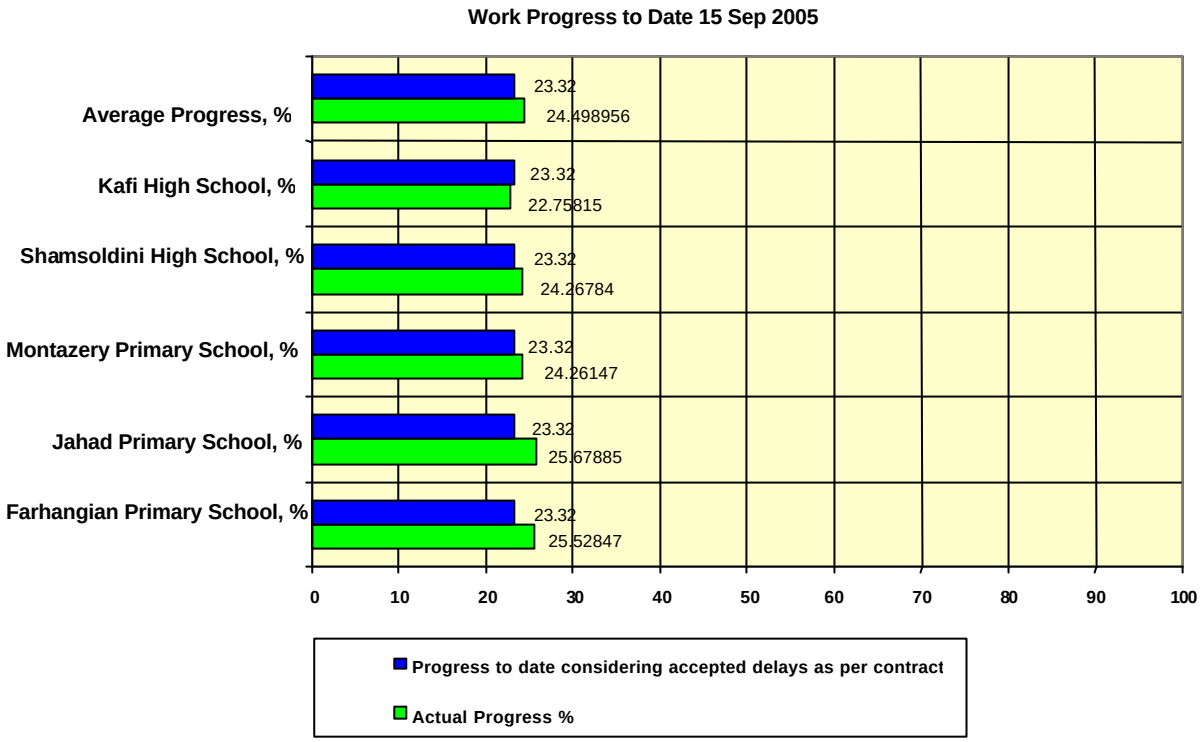
Site workshop for welding steel structure at Shamsaddini High School site

Welding of steel structure is in progress, mainly minor corrections are left for completion - in average 95% of welding steel structure is ready at site workshops.

Erecting steel structure on base plates has been started. Groups of masons have been engaged in erecting of surrounding walls in order to make the site secure and isolated.

The adjusted implementation timetable worked out by the Federation Delegation in cooperation with the General Contractor is strictly observed. Due to changes in the sites and implications for site planning, two month delay was to be accepted.

Chart No 1 – Work Progress



Implementation time frame for five standard schools is 8.5 months. The project is expected to be finalized and handed over to the Ministry of Education, on behalf of the Iranian Red Crescent Society by 30 March, 2006.

The Federation Delegation in Bam has been maintaining close organizational and technical monitoring over the program. In addition, it facilitates Contractor's activities in all aspects of the implementation, liaises between the Ministry of Education, IRCS, Bam Task Force, Governor's and Mayor's Offices.

The system of organized progress monitoring has been functioning on the bi-weekly basis with the involvement of signatory parties to the General and Specific Agreements in force. The Team includes representatives from the Ministry of Education, IRCS, Bam Task Force, Consultancy Company, Construction Company and the Federation Delegation.

1.2. Special School Construction Program

At the end of July, the Ministry of Education and the Shayesteghan Consulting Engineers Co. have completed designing and planning of the ***Arg-e-Bam Model School Complex*** and three ***Special Schools for Disabled Children*** (initially it was planned to be completed by the end of March 2005). It enabled the Federation delegation to launch the 2nd School Tender amongst pre-qualified and eligible construction companies.

The general contractor for the construction of these four schools was selected in August and the general contract was signed on 5 5eptember 2005.

Implementation timeframe under this contract is eight months *(05 September 2005 – 05 May 2006)*. Land allocation documentation was timely and properly arranged by the Ministry of Education. Preparatory works on all four sites were started on time.

1.3. Arg-e-Bam Model School Complex Construction

Site preparation for foundation at Arg-e- Bam Model School Complex

The site has been cleared of debris. Due to the changes in the main architectural design/layout of the Model School Complex (one bigger school has replaced two initially planned buildings) in line with the regulations of the Ministry of Education, the physical measures of the Project were changed.

1. D Handicapped School Construction Program

Mobilization of the General Contractor started on the three sites. On the site of Peyvend Lower Secondary School, demolition work has to be completed by the Ministry of Education. On the site of Marefat Primary School, palm, orange and pomegranate trees have to be either relocated or removed. This task will be done by the Contractor. On the site of the Peyvand Primary School, water channel currently crossing the site has to be re-routed. Moreover, the existing building has to be demolished.

Due to changes introduced to the initial design, requested by the Ministry of Education, the scale and scope of the works had to be modified and extended. The changes resulted in the following measures reflected in Table *No* 3 below.

Table No 3: Breakdown of the size by sub-project

Special Schools Program	Description and size of built in area m²/m					Total Project Construction area, m2
	Main building	Guard House	External Sanitation Facilities	Masonry walls	Land-scaping	
Arg-e-Bam Model School Complex	3,898	59	0	313	2.741	6,638
Peyvand Primary School	1,980	59	45	303	4,561	6,062
Marefat Primary School	1,422	59	0	69	537	1,247
Peyvand Lower Secondary School	1,098	59	45	178	1,389	2,297
Grand Total	**8,398**	**236**	**90**	**863**	**9,228**	**16,244**

2. Urban Health Centre / Clinic

Final architectural and structural design has been communicated to the Ministry of Housing of Iran for the final approval. The Clinic's approval is expected in the beginning of October.

Due to changes in the design, requested by the Ministry of Health, and particularities of the soil structure/composition, an additional floor level had to be added to the original plans. Subsequently, the Contractor had to re-design and implement ground floor under both the clinic and the adjusted apartment buildings. It has caused unforeseeable extra costs to the originally accepted project price.

Due to the lack of design and plans at the stage of contracting, external facilities such as landscaping, road, parking and fencing could not be included in the original contract. At this stage, the volume of the original contract was to be increased by the amount necessary to cover these additional costs. The project is implemented on the turn key basis.

The project consists of the following elements:

1. Main building of the clinic – two storied building with a three meter easement of the frontal site,
2. Clinic yard with palm trees and fencing,
3. Doctors' and nurses' accommodation – four apartments approximately 60 m2 each,
4. Support facilities building, mechanical room – central heating and cooling system,
5. Road, entrance gate and parking,
6. Landscaping.

Architect's vision on the future Clinic building

The building has two stories of useful floor space for clinic plus basements and staff apartments' buildings. The whole area is 1000 m2 including road, parking, gate, fencing, landscaping, etc.

Progress:
Excavation works for basement have been completed. Line concrete layer has been finalized. Support wall at basement level has been erected to prevent sliding soil. Foundation reinforcement montage works has been over. Footing form has been erected in preparation for concrete works at basement level. Foundation has been filled with concrete.

Footing form with reinforcement steel structure installed at UH /Clinic site

Regretfully two palm trees had to be removed from the yard, because they will have been disturbing building procedures and final shape of the clinic building.

Due to the extended volume of the project and the obstacles on the way of implementation, the project timeframe was to be amended.

Table No 4: Breakdown of Federation reconstruction commitment in health sector

Urban Health Centre/Clinic	Description and size of built in area, m^2			Landscaping, yard/garden, road, parking, m2
	Urban Health Centre / Clinic	Semi Built-in (shaded) Area	Apartment Building	
Basement	**308.3**	**-**	**121**	
1st Floor 2nd Floor	**308.3** **289.2**	**35.3** **35.3**	**121** **121**	
Grand Total	905.8	70.6	363	505.4

3. Road Rescue Base

The Hong Kong branch of the China Red Cross has been funding through the Federation the establishment of the IRCS Kerman branch Road Rescue Base. The construction of an emergency centre office (718 m2) and two warehouses (667 m2 each), with total costs of about CHF 527,118 constitutes an integral part of the Base.

Due to certain technical changes in the construction of the floor space of the buildings and substantial additional financial requirements, the International Federation was to use the reserve of CHF 105,000 from the balance of un-earmarked to ensure the implementation of this sub-project.

The funding situation for other components of the Road rescue Base has not been cleared yet. The total project value is about CHF 4,623,923. Partial government funding is envisaged.

The structure of the building

Office Building

The structure of the Office building is concrete structure. Roofing of the first floor has been finished. All 16 columns of the second floor have been erected. The joints and the blocks of the second floor have been installed and it has been ready for concrete works. Staircases have steal structure.

Warehouses

Erection of the two 18x36 metre warehouses structures has been completed. Roofing cover and walls would be implemented in the near future.

Projects in response to the revised joint IRCS/Federation's plan of action, implemented through bilateral cooperation

On 30 July 2005, ***the French Red Cross*** announced its withdrawal from the construction of the Nursing University due to lack of funding. According to the revised appeal, this project was to be implemented through the bilateral support of the French RC. French RC is now assessing the possibility of financing another project.

The German Red Cross has been engaged in the following reconstruction projects in Bam:

- *Warehouses*
  The construction is in the stage of roofing. The walls and the floors have also been completed. The construction is expected to be over by the end of November 2005. External infrastructure need further three months to be completed (end of January 2006).

- *Orthopedic Centre/Medical Centre/Headquarters Building*
  As mentioned in the last Update, the construction of the Medical Centre was cancelled. If towards the completion of other construction projects the budgetary situation allows, the initial plan to support the establishment of the medical centre will be revived.

  For the Orthopedic Centre and Headquarters Building, the allocated should be cleaned from the palm trees. The trees should be either relocated or removed from the site. The contractor is on the spot with the required manpower and necessary equipments. Foundation is already completed. The architectural maps and designs have been approved by the Ministry of Urbanization and Housing. The implementation process of boundary walls has been started.

- Cultural Centre
  The process of designing is completed. The implementation of compound walls started.

Health

Objective: Gaps in the health system between the emergency and the long-term solutions are bridged through the IRCS referral hospital.

To continue provision of PSP services for the earthquake-affected people of Bam, a project proposal was developed by the IRCS Bam Branch. It was submitted to the Federation Delegation in June 2005 and was approved in the same month. The program consists of 2 components:

- Sewing Machine and Embroidery Machine Trainings
- Computer Training

As per approved proposal and plan of action, a total of 480 citizens of Bam will be provided with the above training for a period of 6 months.

The actual implementation of the training classes started as of 6 July 2005. The training included computer class for 20 females, computer class for 20 males, sewing training class for 20 females and embroidery training class for 20 females. The IRCS' Bam Branch is responsible for the overall monitoring of the program.

The second round of the classes took place between 11th of August and 16th of September 2005, during which the same number of classes (4) for the same number of new beneficiaries (80) were held as for the first month.

The third round of the classes started on the 11th of September which is still going on, targeting 80 new beneficiaries and including 4 classes, the same as previous months.

Meanwhile, as part of the overall plan of action to integrate PSP with HIV/AIDS training, the following technical PSP workshop for IRCS staff and volunteers was held for four provincial branches during the reporting period:

Table No 5: PSP Workshop for the IRCS Staff and Volunteers

Workshop	Venue	Target Group	Period
4th PSP Technical Workshop	Ahvaz (Khuzestan Provincial Branch)	Relief deputies, provincial PSP focal points, staff, and volunteers from 4 neighbouring provincial branches	30 June – 3 July 2005

During this workshop, the participants learned about important issues for psychological support such as psychological reaction of affected people, the role of managers in PSP, game therapy, PSP skills for different age groups, etc.

The fifth PSP workshop, training of trainers (ToT) is scheduled to take place on 30 September – 4 October for the IRCS trainers in PSP.

The design and copy of 2,000 interactive CDs of the Federation PSP training manual "Community-based Psychological Support" started in July 2005 and finished in early September 2005. The CDs will be distributed to the IRCS branches for local training use.

Two HIV counsellor training workshops were held for 60 IRCS HIV counsellors during the reporting period. Issues discussed included HIV/AIDS transmission, prevention, recognition, HIV controlling strategies as well as counselling for addiction, prior to testing, after testing, in groups, accompanied with psychological support, in family, etc.

Table No 6: HIV/AIDS Training Workshops for the IRCS HIV Counsellors

Workshop	Venue	Target Group	Dates
1st HIV counsellor training workshop	Tehran	30 IRCS HIV counsellors	16–18.08 2005
2nd HIV counsellor training workshop	Tehran	30 IRCS HIV counsellors	30.08–01.09.2005

The fifth HIV training workshop took place as it was scheduled on 27-29 September 2005. Moreover, HIV/AIDS guidebooks for HIV counsellors and HIV/AIDS training manual for the trainers were published and produced in September 2005. It is in the plan of the IRCS Treatment & Rehabilitation Organization to send printed books and manuals to the HIV/AIDS counsellors and trainers of the IRCS branches in October.

Disaster Preparedness

Overall Objective: The IRCS capacity in disaster management has been strengthened at all levels.

The replenishment of relief items distributed by the IRCS during the Bam earthquake operation has been completed with the arrival and customs clearance of the following items in August 2005:

- 50,000 lanterns
- 11 containers of canvas with 1,999 rolls
- 4,000 family tents from the American Red Cross

The items have been stored in IRCS warehouses and goods received notes were issued. The IRCS also did customs clearance for the 5 Bobcats donated by the British Red Cross.

The second DM training workshop for branch directors was held on 6-8 July in Orumieh, West Azerbaijan Province. 41 directors of city and district branches in East and West Azerbaijan Provinces took part in the workshop, which was designed to acquaint them with disaster response tools, procedures and standards applied by both the Federation and IRCS. The workshop dealt with specific policies and practical issues related to DP and DR, which included among others:

- Disaster preparedness and emergency response policies,
- Disaster response tools of the Federation,
- Logistics system of the Federation,
- Various assessment tools,
- Use of SPHERE standards at different stages of the operation,
- Coordination, reporting, and distribution procedures.

The workshops also provided the participants with an opportunity to share their experience gained from previous relief operations. A special session for presentation on PSP intervention during and after emergencies was included in the program of the above two DM workshops. The participants learned about important issues for psychological support such as psychological reactions of affected people, PSP skills for different age groups, a list of things to do and not to do when helping affected people, etc.

At the request of the head of the Bam Task Force, the Federation Delegation and the IRCS are working to assist the Kerman Province authorities, one of the most disaster-prone provinces in Iran, in improving its level of disaster preparedness and disaster response through the introduction of community-based DP approaches, public awareness campaigns and contingency planning. The Federation Delegation and the IRCS prepared a project proposal and budget and signed a memorandum of understanding with the Kerman provincial government, specifying the roles and responsibilities of the three parties in implementing the project.

The Federation Delegation arranged for a study tour to Turkey by an IRCS delegation on 16-23 July 2005. The purpose of the tour was to learn from the earthquake preparedness and other related DM activities of the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) and share with each other the experience achieved in the fields of DP and DR. During its visit to Turkey, the IRCS delegation held a series of meetings with the Federation's Regional Delegation in Ankara and with different departments of the TRCS and visited various facilities, including its disaster operation centres, community disaster and logistics centres, hospitals, warehouses and branches.

Preparations have been made to hold three community-based first aid (CBFA) conferences in Iran, which are aimed at standardizing the first aid training for IRCS staff and volunteers. Each conference will be attended by 250 first aid trainers of the IRCS. The Federation Delegation arranged for the Farsi translation and printing of a CBFA training manual which was recently developed by the Federation's Amman Regional Office. It also gave the IRCS some of the first aid training materials produced by other national societies so that it can adapt and use them during the conferences.

The Federation Delegation is continuing discussion with the Secretariat, Federation's regional delegations and participating national societies (PNSs) to organize specialized training in emergency response unit (ERU) hospital and water/sanitation, search and rescue, and various rescue services.

The replenishment of relief items distributed during the Zarand earthquake operation is in progress. The IRCS has received and stored in its warehouse the 5,000 kitchen sets donated by the Belgian government/Belgian Red Cross-Flanders. 3,200 family tents procured with the funds of the Belgian, Australian and Irish governments have arrived at the Bandar Abbas port and the IRCS is now in the process of doing customs clearance.

Coordination

The IRCS and the Federation delegation have continued regular working contacts on all aspects of program implementation and other Federation support activities in Iran. Working meetings and consultations covered wide range of issues including custom clearance, difficulties in the implementation of agreements/contracts, application of the Status Agreement to the question of entry visas to Iran for the Federation's staff, closing down of the Iraq crisis operation, staff on loan on HIV/AIDS to Regional office in Amman, etc. It proved to be an effective way of getting realistic solutions. Though, process of excess to entry visas for Federation Delegation's visitors (Secretariat staff/consultants) is still slow and posses constraints for the joint program activities.

As of 24th July 2005, the Federation office moved to the second floor of the Rehabilitation and Treatment Department, IRCS. The new office is in Vali-e-Asr Ave. next to the new Headquarters building of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (Peace Building), has provided excellent working conditions.

An organizational development (OD) workshop was expected to take place in end of August/early September 2005, organized by the Federation and IRCS. But it is postponed to the late 2005 and no specific date is confirmed for it. It was planned that all branch directors and senior managers (heads of departments) would participate in this workshop.

The World Health Organisation (WHO)/Ministry of Health (MoH) and IRCS coordination meetings resumed in September. Discussions focused on cholera in Zahedan, as well as Tehran and Kerman contingency plans.

Regarding visits, the Delegation had a visit from North Korea Red Cross on 3-17 July 2005. Four persons visited the Delegation and IRCS. The DM delegate in the Federation Delegation in DPRK accompanied the visitors. The purpose was to learn from the DM experiences of the IRCS and exchange views on issues of their common concerns.

Yasemin Aysan, Federation consultant, visited Iran on 11-15 July 2005, as part of the Global Recovery Review in which Bam was chosen as a case study.

During the first week of September, two representatives of the British Red Cross Society visited Iran for the finalization of cash voucher project in Bam.

German Red Cross representative visited Iran during the second week of September, in order to monitor the reconstruction projects supported by the German RC.

Concerning the staff, the Iran Delegation consists of four Delegates and fifteen locally employed staff based in Teheran, Bam and Zahedan. The Delegates are: Mr. Mohammed Omer Mukhier (Head of Delegation), Mr. Gyula Kadar (Program Coordinator, Bam), Mr. Chang Hun Choe (Disaster Preparedness/Response Delegate), and Mr. Khazar Ali-zade (Finance and Administration Delegate).

Activities of the bilateral Participating National Societies in Bam

The activities and interests of the Participating National Societies in Bam have continued to be on the decline. At present, only one of them (British) has continued to maintain presence through the locally employed staff. The Federation Delegation maintains good cooperation with the PNSs present staff and visitors and provides support as required.

The activities conducted by PNSs are as following:

British Red Cross:

Cash Program: The Bam cash program was developed by the British Red Cross Society (BRCS), in close cooperation with the IRCS to assist some of the most vulnerable victims of the earthquake.

In June, the British RC Project Consultant arrived in Iran for the second phase of the project. By this stage, the orphans' list had been completed to which a new category of disabled children was also added. This tranche, transferred in July 2005, was for 1,705 households, comprised of 206 female-headed households, 1414 orphans and 85 disabled children. Each beneficiary received 2,915, 374 Rials (GBP 185).

In all, over GBP 840,000 (1.5 million USD) was transferred and the program was able to reach 4,551 households.

The operational phase of the program was successfully completed in August 2005. The British RC and the IRCS are currently planning to have a joint evaluation of the program some time in late 2005.

Logistic Program: Head of Logistic Department of British RC planned to come to Tehran for training, on how to utilize and maintain the equipment. Unfortunately, it did not take place at the specified time. The training has been postponed to the second week of November.

French Red Cross: For the rehabilitation of Baravat Qanat irrigation system, there was the reconstruction of an additional 1,270 meters of box channel remained. The reconstruction phase is over. The total budget was EUR 123,000, provided by both French and Swiss Red Cross and the project ended in June 2005.

Japanese Red Cross: The Japanese Red Cross has been involved in the construction of one rescue training school as well as one secondary boarding school in Bam. For the construction of rescue training school, the first and second phases of designing including architectural drawings as well as drawings of mechanic and electricity installations have been completed. The related authorizations and approval for construction have been obtained from the governmental authorities. The project

reached the stage of selecting the construction contractor. Regarding the secondary boarding school, the construction is in progress. Different permissions have been obtained from the municipality and other related authorities. Foundation of the building has been completed. The contractor is in the process of installing the metal skeleton in the site.

Republic of Korea Red Cross: An inaugural ceremony was held in Bam with the presence of a Delegation from Republic of Korea RC on 7 September 2005. 40 prefabricated houses were formally handed over to the Iranian Red Crescent Society.

Netherlands Red Cross: The Netherlands Red Cross is engaged in the procurement of medical and treatment equipment for the IRCS Day Clinic in Bam. The total budget is EUR 900,000.

The United Arab Emirates Red Crescent: With the help of two other international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Red Crescent is involved in the construction of one school in one of the Bam villages. The construction site for the school is already defined. The project is at the stage of selecting the general contractor.

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