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Appeal Target: CHF 769,000

Period covered: January 1 - December 31 2000

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 23.2%

Update: Donor support was patchy. Despite this, the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran continued to demonstrate its capacity, particularly in terms of disaster response. One issue that still needs to be pursued, though, is effectively sharing the valuable pool of experience that exists in the National Society to others in the region.

Objectives, Achievements and Constraints

The low level of contributions to this annual appeal as well as the efforts put in to launching an emergency operation in drought relief, did not allow the National Society to implement the planned activities.

The recruitment of a Federation Representative in Tehran was postponed until further notice. However, progress from the previous year was that some planned activities in disaster preparedness field were implemented.

Furthermore, the outbreak of a disaster (drought) led the National Society to launch, with Federation support, a drought assistance operation.

Disaster Response

The National Society has a long tradition of experience in this field, and in response to new disasters was able to show once more its skills and professionalism by implementing new projects, within the Federation's Strategy 2010 framework.

In August 2000, an emergency appeal was launched to assist the victims of the drought in one of the most affected provinces, Sistan-van-Baluchistan, with a special focus on Afghan refugees. The appeal budget, of CHF 2.2 million, was fully covered. The operation is ongoing, with water delivery to 20,000 families (100,000 beneficiaries), as set in the appeal objectives.

For further information on this project, you may refer to the latest situation report (issued 3 July) on the Federation's website (address below).

In support to Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRCS), contributed both in cash and kind (ambulance and medical equipment) via the Federation to assist victims of the ongoing unrest between Palestinians and Israelis.

Disaster Preparedness

Some activities were implemented with Federation support, though fewer than planned because of a lack of funding.

In October, a representative of the IRCS participated in a Federation workshop on GSM (telecommunications) use, in Geneva. GSM is a valuable tool in this disaster-prone country, especially in time of earthquakes.

In November 2000, the Federation secretariat, in co-ordination with the IRCS, issued a proposal to the donors of 1998-99 Khorasan rehabilitation project (earthquake), for the use of remaining funds. These would be allocated to upgrade IRCS telecommunications systems for emergency situations, especially earthquakes. The IRCS agreed to fund up to one-third of the project budget. It started to implement this project at the end of 2000 by obtaining authorisation beginning to purchase items.

On 22-26 October 2000, a logistics workshop was organised in Tehran, by the Federation and IRCS. Topics discussed included logistics planning, budgeting, warehouse and reporting, logistics in emergency, transport, telecommunications, quality control and procurement. It was attended by 45 IRCS participants, from all 28 provinces of the country.

Conclusions

Support for this National Society - particularly experienced in disaster preparedness and disaster response - should continue, in an effort to reach common ways of working, and the sharing of knowledge and experiences, in the region and elsewhere.

The donor community, which has supported IRCS activities during times of disaster, should, ideally, expand this support to other activities that will assist the National Society's work in other areas that reflect the Movement's values and missions.

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