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Objectives, Achievements and Constraints

The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a key emergency response tool for the Federation, allowing funds to be released immediately after a disaster and facilitating the rapid start up of an emergency operation. DREF resources are made available in response to an appeal, in the process leading to an appeal, or in response to a small scale emergency where an appeal is not feasible. Because allocations are provided on a refundable basis, the DREF is a revolving fund, and contributions are used as leverage so that one donation provides aid well in excess of the actual amount contributed. A decision was taken in 2000 to conduct a review of the DREF, and this report will be ready shortly. In 2001 the Federation also embarked on an initiative to increase the use of and support to the DREF in order to ensure a reasonably effective approach to new emergencies further funding is urgently required.

Below is a brief summary description of the DREF allocations made in 2000. The attached financial tables provide a detailed account of the DREF. Further information on the operations which received DREF funds can be found on the Federation's website.

- **NAMIBIA - ANGOLAN REFUGEES: CHF 150,000 allocated on 6 January, 2000.** The renewed conflict between the Angolan Government army (FAA) and UNITA resulted in a significant refugee influx from southern Angola to northern Namibia. The influx began in early December, and over 8,000 refugees have arrived to date. Taking into account the existing refugee caseload as well as the expectation that a significant number of refugees will continue to seek safety from the ongoing military action in Angola, the Federation, in support of the Namibian Red Cross (NRC), launched an appeal which makes provision for an eventual refugee caseload of 12,000. An allocation of CHF 150,000 from the DREF enabled assistance activities to be initiated immediately.
- **ZAMBIA - ANGOLAN REFUGEES: CHF 50,000 allocated on 7 January, 2000.** On 4 March, 1999 an initial wave of some 4,000 Congolese refugees escaping the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) crossed the border into Zambia's Northern Province. A month later, an

estimated 25,000 refugees had arrived. Months of living in the bush and sustained travel under conditions of duress had seriously affected the health of the refugees. The situation was aggravated by prolonged rains, affecting both the refugee camp sites and logistics (roads and communications) needed to deliver assistance. To provide initial services for the refugees, a transit facility was established in the village of Kaputa, northern Zambia, and the government of Zambia enacted contingency plans, including the allocation of land adjacent to the town of Mporokoso where a camp was established to accommodate a maximum of 25,000 refugees. To respond to the humanitarian situation and to support the Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) in delivering urgently needed assistance, the Federation launched an appeal on 4 May, 1999 for CHF 1,707,000 to provide assistance to refugees for 6 months. With the increasing possibility that the operation would be extended into 2000, the Federation and the ZRCS organized an assessment of the operation and the delivery of assistance. This allocation from the DREF provided support related to the logistics of the assessment mission.

- **BANGLADESH - COLD WAVE: CHF 50,000 allocated on 19 January, 2000.** With a severe cold spell sweeping Bangladesh (where winters are generally mild and short) causing extreme hardship for under-nourished and underweight members of the population, as well as increasing the incidence of colds, fevers, pneumonia, and asthma are on the increase, the Federation allocated DREF resources to initiate the procurement of 20,000 blankets, pending further in-kind contributions.
- **CHINA - EARTHQUAKES: CHF 300,000 allocated on 21 January, 2000.** At 22.09 and 23.37 on Friday 14 January 2000, two earthquakes measuring 6.0 and 6.5 in magnitude respectively hit the county of Yao'an in the Province of Yunnan located at 25.58 N and 101.15 E. Yunnan is situated in the South Western part of China. and borders Tibet, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. According to experts from the State Seismological Bureau, further aftershocks are believed to be expected in the coming days. Initial reports from the Yunnan Branch of the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) indicate that the worst effected areas were in the neighbouring counties of Yao'an and Dayao (just to the north of Yao'an). In total, 7 counties in 2 prefectures that contain 74 townships are reported to have been affected. The reports from the official Chinese News Agency, gives the total number of buildings damaged as 65,000 in Yao'an, with a further 55,000 damaged in Dayao county. The Yunnan Branch of Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) report in their Initial Disaster Report that there are an estimated 120,000 homeless. Most of these are living in the open in makeshift shelters. With night time temperatures in this mountainous area at the time around minus 5/6° Celsius and around 18/19° during daytime, the Federation made this allocation from the DREF to initiate the delivery of assistance to the victims.
- **BOLIVIA - FLOODS: CHF 80,000 allocated on 7 February, 2000.** Weeks of heavy rains in Bolivia's extreme south have caused floods that left thousands homeless and swept away their crops and livestock. Most of the affected are indigenous subsistence farmers. The Bolivian Red Cross planned to provide food parcels for two months, a tool kit and a kitchen set. If funds allow, assistance will also be provided for rehabilitation and to promote disaster preparedness. The Federation allocated 80,000 from the DREF to enable the initial assistance to proceed immediately.
- **RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Khabarovsk) - BOMB EXPLOSION: CHF 5,500 allocated on 9 February, 2000:** An explosion in Khabarovsk (Far East Ilyina N.A.) on 8 February destroyed 20 apartments in a five-floor building. According to reports, 10 people died and 30 families (approximately 100 people) lost their homes. This allocation from the DREF allowed the immediate provision of clothes, bedding materials, food, and hygiene parcels.
- **MOZAMBIQUE , BOTSWANA, SWAZILAND, ZIMBABWE - FLOODS: CHF 100,000 allocated for Mozambique on 10 February, 2000; CHF 50,000 allocated for Botswana on 11**

February, 2000, CHF 100,000 allocated for Zimbabwe on 23 February, 2000. The two cyclones which hit southeastern Africa produced heavy rains and strong winds throughout the region, causing overflowing rivers and pressure on dams, and resulting in widespread flooding in large areas of Mozambique, Swaziland, Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. Latest estimates are that over 1,000 people have died, with over two million people affected throughout the region. Main road and rail lines were severed, with widespread damage to other infrastructure. Cultivated land was destroyed, causing fears that severe food shortages will occur in the longer term. In each of the affected countries, the Federation is coordinating the relief response with the respective National Societies, as well as with UN agencies and NGOs. The first priority in the affected countries focused on rescuing marooned people, then providing basic relief assistance. To respond to the disaster and to support the Mozambican Red Cross Society (MRCS or CVM) and the Botswana Red Cross (BRC), the Federation launched an appeal on February 11, and later extended it to Swaziland and Zimbabwe following a dramatic expansion of the affected area. To respond to the disaster, the Federation released funds from the DREF on three different occasions (see below), and launched an appeal on February 11 for Mozambique and Botswana, and later extended it to Swaziland and Zimbabwe following a dramatic expansion of the affected area.

- **COLOMBIA - FLOODS: CHF 100,000 allocated on 17 February, 2000.** Half of Colombia, or 22 of its 31 departments, has been seriously affected by floods, landslides, avalanches and sea swells due to heavy rains during the last three months of 1999 and January 2000. The continuous rains have been caused by the Pacific Cold Phenomenon, known as *La Niña*. Additionally, Hurricane Lenny hit the Atlantic coast and caused damage due to heavy seas in three departments: Atlántico, Magdalena and Guajira. According to the Civil Defence this is the worst flooding in Colombia the last 25 years. An emergency was declared in five provinces: Cauca, Nariño, Huila, Putumayo and Valle, in the south west, in the Andean region and in the Atlantic area. The Government declared a Red Alert in the regions near the Cauca, Magdalena, Atrato, Patía and Sinú riverbanks. Altogether, some 524 floods, 139 landslides, 28 avalanches and 6 heavy seas events have affected 769 municipalities in 22 Departments. CHF 100,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to initiate assistance to 59,830 affected families (or 500,000 individuals).
- **MONGOLIA - FUNDING SUPPORT: CHF 100,000 allocated on 22 February, 2000.** Severe snowfalls in large areas of Mongolia have caused the death of over half a million head of livestock, the mainstay of the rural economy and the sole source of food for herders and their families. Some 238,000 people in 11 Aimags are affected by the food shortages in the immediate term, and by the loss of their livelihood in the longer term. The government and the Mongolian Red Cross Society have already distributed emergency supplies in the worst affected areas, drawing on funds and goods donated locally. On 11 February Mongolia appealed for international aid. The operation for which this appeal seeks funding will provide food supplies for three months and winter boots to the worst affected herders and their families. To respond to the immediate critical needs, CHF 100,000 was allocated from the DREF to initiate the assistance operation.
- **MADAGASCAR - CYCLONES AND FLOODS: CHF 50,000 allocated on 3 March, 2000:** The disastrous consequences of cyclones Eline (mid-February) and Gloria (early March) in the central and northern districts of Madagascar have now been more precisely assessed by the government's National Relief Council. Approximately 205 persons have been killed, 84,000 very seriously affected (either homeless or still isolated by the floods), and another 385,000 affected to a lesser degree with damage to housing, crops and heavy livestock losses. To respond to the situation, CHF 50,000 was allocated from the DREF to initiate the assessment and assistance operation.
- **RUSSIAN FEDERATION - FUNDING SUPPORT: CHF 323,500 allocated on 8 March, 2000.** In view of the complex nature of the programme and responding to difficulties with implementation, the Federation has made several funding adjustments. Unfortunately, these have

resulted in a limited programme funding shortfall which was bridged by this exceptional allocation from the DREF.

- ***NIGERIA - RELIGIOUS CLASHES: CHF 100,000 allocated on 10 March, 2000.*** The adoption of strict Islamic Sharia law in areas of northern Nigeria has caused an eruption of religious violence and waves of unrest in which hundreds have died. Although Islamic Sharia family law has long been enshrined in Nigeria's Constitution, the Sharia penal code, which allows stoning, amputations and beheading for some crimes, has not. Most recently, rioting flared in ethnic Ibo and Christian Aba on Monday, 21 February in a backlash to the deaths of hundreds of people in clashes between Muslims and Christians in the northern city of Kaduna. The violence continued through the night and the following day when troops were deployed to enforce curfew and support the police. The clashes have resulted in over 400 deaths and government authorities, and while local officials reported that the situation was calm, people continued to flee northern Nigeria's biggest city of Kano, fearing reprisals for the deaths in Aba and other parts of the southeast. This DREF allocation allowed assistance to be provided to limited groups of vulnerable people and those injured in the clashes.
- ***CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND CHAD - MENINGITIS: CHF 21,000 allocated on 20 March, 2000.*** Since December 1999, reported cases of meningococcal meningitis in Chad and the Central African Republic (CAR) have risen at an alarming rate. In Chad, cases were reportedly high in the south west (Logone region), and had spread in the last two weeks to Chari region. In the CAR, the most serious outbreaks were in the north of the country along the border with Chad. Initial reports indicated an alarmingly high case fatality ratio, with 179 deaths from 1,441 (or 12.4%) cases in Chad, (357 of which are new cases reported in the first two weeks of March), while in the CAR, 639 cases have been recorded, with 146 deaths (or 22.8%). The Federation concluded that the best course of action is to organize and send an initial assessment mission to the affected areas in the two countries to gather information, co-ordinate with relevant ministries, UN bodies and NGOs, and to assist in formulating a plan of action in support of the Red Cross of Chad and the Central African Red Cross Society. To respond to the situation, CHF 21,000 was allocated from the DREF to initiate the assessment mission.
- ***PARAGUAY - DROUGHT: CHF 100,000 allocated on 4 April, 2000.*** A drought has been affecting the north of Paraguay, and in particular the departments of Concepcion, San Pedro and Chaco Central, since June 1999. The area suffered further setbacks from frosts in May and June last year and from fires triggered by pasture clearing methods. There is an acute shortage of water, not only for farming and livestock but also for human consumption. The current climatic conditions are unstable, with temperatures reaching over 35°C. The Government of Paraguay declared a state of emergency in September 1999. Because the drought shows no immediate signs of breaking, the Paraguayan Red Cross is seeking to provide food to 26,800 persons in the most severely affected communities, which have a total population of 34,800. This DREF allocation allowed the operation to start promptly on 17 April, 2000.
- ***ETHIOPIA - DROUGHT: CHF 328,400 allocated on 6 June, 2000.*** Four consecutive years of poor rainfall in Ethiopia have led to drought conditions and minimal harvests. This has had a cumulative impact on households in both pastoral and agricultural communities, undermining coping strategies and leading to greater vulnerability to drought. Many households have been forced to sell their livestock and other assets and some have migrated from their land in search of income and food. The International Federation issued a preliminary appeal on behalf of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society on 8 April and a revised appeal on 4 May. The revised appeal was for 10.3 million CHF for two operations, one in *South Wollo* to support 77,000 people and one in *North Borena* to support 50,000 people, with a combination of bulk and supplementary food and a range of agricultural, health and water inputs. Before the launch of the appeals, the Federation made this DREF allocation to immediately initiate relief activities.

- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, NIGER - MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC: CHF 170,000 allocated on 14 April, 2000.*** Since December 1999, there have been outbreaks of meningococcal meningitis in several countries in the region, resulting in an epidemic in the Central African Republic (CAR), Chad and Niger. By mid April, as the epidemic peaked, there were significant numbers of cases in all three countries. In Chad, the number of people affected by the epidemic had reached 4,500 with 602 deaths, the worst-affected regions of East Logone, West Logone, Moyen Chari and Mayo Kebi bearing the heaviest toll. In the Central African Republic, 1,200 cases and 206 deaths have been recorded and although the arrival of the rainy season has halted the epidemic in Bangui in the south of the country, the Central Eastern and Central Western areas remain exposed. Furthermore, a severe dry spell continues in the north of the country, prompting the spread of the epidemic. In Niger, the epidemic has resulted in 250 deaths and 2,815 officially-recorded cases according to a report issued on 4th April by the government. The epidemic is particularly severe in the capital, Niamey, where 1,072 cases and 75 deaths have been recorded, a mortality rate of 8.8%. The epidemic has also hit the regions of Kirni N’Konni, close to the border with Nigeria, and Tera which is on the border with Burkina Faso. This DREF allocation allowed the planned activities to be started immediately.
- HUNGARY - FLOODS: CHF 10,000 allocated on 25 April, 2000.*** Melting snows and heavy rains have led to serious flooding in Romania, Hungary and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) over the past few days. Because of a quick snow melt in Romania and Ukraine and heavy rainfalls in northern Hungary and western Romania, the water levels of the Tisza River in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Tisza and Bodrog Rivers and their tributaries in Hungary, and the Kris, Mures, Somes and Timis Rivers in Romania, have risen significantly above normal levels. The Boka Borsod-Abauj-Zemplén and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg districts in the north-east and the area around the town of Szolnok in eastern Hungary have been flooded. Some 200 people have been evacuated and mostly accommodated with their relatives; another 500 are threatened. The Hungarian Red Cross has released CHF 18,750 in order to provide rubber boots and food supplies to those who have been working on the dams and to assist people who have had to leave their homes, and the Federation provided support with this allocation from the DREF.
- SOUTH ASIA (INDIA/AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN) - DROUGHT: CHF 50,000 allocated on 5 May, 2000, and CHF 100,000 allocated on 28 June, 2000.*** Severe drought is currently affecting vast areas of South Asia. Its effects on the population are particularly acute in western India, southern and central Pakistan and southern Afghanistan. With a Federation joint assessment team concluding that the situation in India and Pakistan could develop into a large-scale disaster, the Federation launched a 6-month appeal (to be modified as the situation evolves) to build both a preparedness system to monitor the drought and to build the capacity to respond effectively and rapidly to the drought if it worsens. The appeal also sought funds to enable the National Societies of India and Pakistan to carry out small scale food distributions to the most vulnerable who have only limited or no access to government relief programmes. To finance the Joint Assessment Mission and to begin the delivery of relief assistance, the Federation released CHF 50,000 from its DREF on 5 May and an additional 100,000 on 28 June.
- RUSSIA - FLOODS: CHF 100,000 (CHF 50,000 each for Russia and Kazakhstan) allocated on 8 August, 2000.*** When a rapid spring thaw and heavy rains in April filled reservoirs in the Russian oblast of Chelyabinsk, the authorities opened the floodgates to release the excess water which, sweeping south caused similar problems along the Tobol river in Kazakhstan. In the Russian Federation, the regions of Kurgan and Orenburg in Cheliabinsk were flooded: according to initial estimates, about one third of Kurgan has been inundated, affecting 10,000 people; in Orenburg, some 3,500 houses have been flooded, affecting 13,000 inhabitants. In Kazakhstan, floodgates were also opened, but in the process one dam was destroyed and four rayons (districts) -- Denisovsky, Zhitikarinsky, Taranovsky and Kostanaisky -- comprising urban settlements and

5,760 hectares of farm land already planted for this year's crops, were inundated. At the peak of the emergency, waters rose seven metres above their normal level, flooding a total of 542 houses, leaving 2,100 people homeless and sweeping away most of their possessions, including food and seed reserves. To respond to the needs, the Federation released CHF 50,000 each to the two Societies from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

- **INDONESIA - EARTHQUAKE: CHF 100,000 allocated on 12 May, 2000.** An earthquake triggering a tsunami (tidal wave) hit Central Sulawesi Province on 4 May, leaving 41 dead, 228 injured and 10,500 families homeless in the districts of Luwuk and the Banggai/Peleng islands. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI) and the Federation assessed the situation by visiting 4 affected villages on Peleng island by boat. After the initial assessment, the Federation and PMI selected 3,500 of the worst affected families (17,500 individuals) for assistance consisting of shelter material, water containers and essential household materials. On 16 May 2000, the Federation issued an Appeal on behalf of the Indonesian Red Cross seeking CHF 459,000 for a three month operation. To immediately respond to the initial needs, the Federation released CHF 100,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).
- **CHILE - FLOODS: CHF 73,000 allocated on 9 June, 2000.** With the onset of the austral winter, an estimated 72,408 people were seriously affected by reoccurring storms and heavy rainfalls since 2 June, 2000. At least 4,731 severely affected people have been accommodated in public shelters set up by the National Emergency Office. The majority of affected people, however, refuse to leave their homes in fear of looting. The assessment of the damage inflicted on the second and third floors of the Chilean Red Cross headquarters is underway. Serious telecommunication problems occurred between the headquarters and the affected Red Cross branches. Fishing activities in the province of Valdivia came to a standstill and the income of the fishermen families has decreased dramatically making it difficult for them to purchase food. The insufficient food and damage inflicted on homes has prompted the affected population to evacuate. At the moment, they are accommodated in 15 temporary shelters located in the communities of Niebla, Los Molinos, San Ignacio and Curiñanco. Given the seriousness of the situation, the Federation has released CHF 73,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) for the purchase of relief supplies (mainly food), fuel and telecommunication equipment badly needed for the coordination of the relief activities, particularly between the Chilean Red Cross headquarters and the affected provinces.
- **UKRAINE - HURRICANE: CHF 35,000 allocated on 10 July, 2000.** On 4 July, 2000 a hurricane hit the oblasts of Ternopyl, Nikolayev, Lviv, and Ivan-Frankivsk, bringing with it heavy rain and hail. About 16 villages were damaged, 10,000 houses lost roofs, 748 transformers were damaged, and 178 villages lost electric power. The Ukraine Red Cross team surveyed the area on 5-6 July, and this allocation from the Federation's DREF facilitated the first delivery of assistance.
- **NICARAGUA - EARTHQUAKE: CHF 50,000 allocated on 7 July, 2000.** On July 6th, at 13.30 hours local time, a strong earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale shook the main central coastal region of Nicaragua. Its epicentre was situated in the Laguna de Apoyo region, 6 kilometres from Masaya City and 37 kilometres from the capital Managua, resulting in significant damage to populated mountainside villages and infrastructure. On July 7th, at 18.19 hours, another earthquake situated on the north side of Masaya City was registered, measuring 5.2 in the Richter scale. These two earthquakes were followed by 331 aftershocks in the Laguna de Apoyo and Masaya regions. According to the official Civil Defence Report, 1,913 houses have been damaged, 7 people are dead, 443 people are injured, and a total of 5,267 people have been transferred to shelters. CHF 50,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to initiate the assistance operation. Red Cross staff and volunteers immediately started salvage, rescue and first aid, and evacuation activities.

- INDIA - FLOODING: CHF 100,000 allocated on 9 August, 2000.** Five States across north and north eastern India experienced extensive flooding caused by the seasonal monsoon rains. The heavy rains caused widespread displacement of the population, affecting between 4 -5 million people in the States of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh. Major damage was registered on local infrastructure while communications with some areas severed leaving thousands of villages marooned with no access to relief supplies or medical assistance. Where possible, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRC) responded to the crisis and worked closely with the local authorities to provide urgently needed relief assistance to flood victims who have been rendered homeless. The Federation Regional Delegation in India immediately despatched a relief expert to the State of Assam to carry out a rapid assessment in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society while the Federation Secretariat released CHF 100,000 from its Disaster Relief and Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the first days of the operation.
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION - FLOODING: CHF 25,000 allocated on 16 August, 2000.** Severe flooding in Russia's Primorsky Region (Vladivostock) occurred as a result of heavy rains at the end of July and beginning of August, 2000. Nineteen districts and nine cities were affected, with 9,211 dwellings flooded and more than 75,000 hectares of agriculture land inundated. Approximately 285 people were relocated to collective centres. The Russian Red Cross assessed the damage, and concluded that the immediate needs were clean water, hygiene items, bedding, and rubber footwear, as well as water filters to ensure clean drinking water. The Federation DREF allocation of CHF 25,000 facilitated the procurement and delivery of assistance.
- CENTRAL ASIA (TAJIKISTAN/UZBEKISTAN) - DROUGHT: CHF 50,000 allocated on 22 August, 2000.** A severe drought has struck Tajikistan, compounding the effects of a decade of growing poverty and three consecutive years of reduced harvests, and in the process completely crippling the population's coping mechanisms. As a result, unless immediate assistance is provided, some two million people are threatened with starvation. Following the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) special alert on the drought in Tajikistan, an International Federation Field Assessment and Co-ordination Team (FACT) carried out a comprehensive assessment from 24 August to 10 September of the level of vulnerability of the population. Based on the assessment report, a detailed plan of action has been developed in co-operation with the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and in coordination with the WFP. The RCST and the International Federation, in collaboration with WFP and FAO, are seeking funds to assist 250,000 people with food and seeds in the Khatlon oblast in the south of the country and in the Leninabad oblast in the north. Water and sanitation activities are included in this operation in order to provide the targeted population with safe drinking water and prevent the spread of waterborne diseases, especially diarrhoea and typhoid. Public health awareness campaigns will further add to the containment of diseases and promotion of a healthy lifestyle in local communities. Special attention will be given to the strengthening of the RCST branches in targeted areas, in order to further contribute to the development of the National Society's disaster response and preparedness capacity for the future. To start the operation, CHF 50,000 was released from the Federation's DREF.
- CAMEROON - FLOODING: CHF 40,000 allocated on 22 August, 2000.** During the first week of August 2000, the city of Douala (Cameroon's main port) suffered from torrential rainfall. With the ground already waterlogged after a week of heavy rains, floodwaters swept through many parts of the city causing considerable damage. Most affected were the suburbs and shanty towns located on the outskirts of the city. Three persons were killed and two are still missing. Thousands of homes have been damaged and more than 300 people have been made homeless. The authorities have created a crisis committee which includes the Cameroon Red Cross Society. The volunteers of the Cameroon Red Cross Society assisted local fireman in evacuation of the

population trapped in the flood waters and evaluated the needs in the affected areas. The Red Cross has distributed blankets to the victims who lost their homes. These people are temporarily accommodated at the local naval base. To respond to the immediate needs, the Federation released CHF 40,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

- ***CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - POPULATION MOVEMENTS: CHF 6,500 allocated on 12 August, 2000.*** Some 9,695 refugees originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) arrived and were registered in the Central African Republic (CAR). Responding to concerns over their health (malaria, diarrhoea, and respiratory problems) as well as their general physical condition, the Federation organized a 15-day evaluation mission. This DREF allocation allowed the mission to begin in order to assist the national society to collect information, evaluate the needs of the refugees, meet with UN agencies, and to develop a plan of action.
- ***LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC - FLOODS: CHF 50,000 allocated on 13 September, 2000.*** In mid August, typhoon Keimi swept through southern Laos causing flooding in three districts of Saravan province. In early September typhoon Wukong hit Laos and neighbouring countries. Torrential rainfall swelled the Mekong and its tributaries causing widespread flooding. While the human cost was fortunately relatively small with 15 deaths reported and damage to housing and loss of personal possessions and food stocks was also minimal, serious damage was caused to 62,743 ha of planted paddy fields, of a total area of 79,345 ha. This created a serious food security situation for those farmers who have no access to irrigation and who produce only one rice crop a year. CHF 50,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to begin the delivery of assistance. Following a rapid assessment by the Federation, an appeal for CHF 871,317 to assist 42,000 beneficiaries for 5 months was launched on 21 September.
- ***CAMBODIA - FLOODS. CHF 250,000 allocated on 14 September, 2000.*** Since mid-July 2000 localised thunderstorms and the flooding Mekong River and its tributaries had affected 10 provinces and the Municipality of Phnom Penh. Thousands of families were forced to seek safety on higher ground and tens of thousands of hectares of croplands have been inundated with flood waters. Earlier than normal heavy rains, excessive run-offs due to deforestation and river silt accumulation caused the Mekong River to overflow its banks flooding five provinces of Kratie, Stung Treng, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kompong Cham and Phnom Penh City. Thunderstorms and heavy downpours sweeping across Cambodia have caused localised flooding in five provinces of Kompong Thom, Koh Kong, Seim Reip, Oddor Meanchey and Svay Reng. Official government estimates were: 45,214 affected families; 116,874 hectares of affected croplands; 5,400 flooded homes and 15 deaths directly attributed to the flooding. Responding to the immediate needs, CHF 250,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance.
- ***VIETNAM - FLOODS: CHF 100,000 allocated on 18 September, 2000.*** Five Mekong Delta Provinces of Vietnam experienced the worst flooding since 1961 when flood waters rose in early July, and remained at critical levels until mid-November. Hundreds of thousands of people took refuge on the only high ground for kilometres - the flimsy earthen dykes which separate irrigation canals from rice paddies in the vast plain of reeds which is the delta of one of the world's longest rivers. The human impact of the slow onset floods was immense - with 482 lives lost, many of them children, over five million people whose homes have been flooded, and up to 60,000 households, or close to a half a million people, evacuated and in particular need of assistance. Emergency shelter, food security, health, water and sanitation became the major concerns for the Red Cross and the authorities once the initial evacuations took place. In addition, longer term food security and livelihood support for the most vulnerable of these families were among the major priorities. Responding to the immediate needs, CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance.

- DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA - TYPHOON: CHF 50,000 allocated on 18 September, 2000.** Typhoon Prapiroon (Tropical Storm No.12) hit the north-east coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) late at night on 30 August and brought nearly 30 hours of heavy rain which caused flash flooding in many places in the eastern part of the country. Damage was extensive since the storm coincided with a tidal wave in the east sea of Korea. Roads, bridges, railways, communications, houses, paddy fields and land were seriously damaged. The scale of damage exceeds that caused by other natural disasters in the DPRK since 1995. The worst of the storm damage occurred in South Hamgyong Province where the 11 cities and counties were severely affected, leaving more than 10,000 homeless flood victims. In Hoesang District in Hamhung City, the provincial seat (350 km north east of Pyongyang), 5 villages were particularly hard hit by flash flooding and around 550 people (178 families) lost their home and property. The district Red Cross branch found 180 wounded people in the flood stricken sites and provided a first aid service for one third, while the others were referred to the upper level hospitals. The area was also slightly affected by Typhoon Saomai which hit on 15 and 16 September. Other parts of the country, in particular North Hamgyong and Kangwon Province, were also badly affected by the typhoons and tidal wave. In addition to this DREF allocation of CHF 50,000 and following a joint rapid assessment made by the DPRK Red Cross Society and the Federation Delegation, the Federation launched a preliminary appeal on 19 September for CHF 950,000 to assist 6,000 homeless people in four of the worst hit counties in South Hamgyong Province.
- TAJIKISTAN - DROUGHT: CHF 300,000 allocated on 21 September, 2000.** On 19 September, the International Federation launched an emergency appeal seeking 22.6 million CHF to assist 250,000 people with food and seeds, water and sanitation services and a community-based health programme. CHF 300,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance. In the first three months of the operation, intense fund-raising efforts have been made by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and the Federation, in co-operation with the World Food Programme (WFP) and other organizations and partners.
- CARIBBEAN - HURRICANES: CHF 120,000 allocated on 2 October, 2000.** For 3 days, from September 30 to October 2, Belize was battered by Hurricane Keith (category 4). The most severe wind damage occurred on the cayes (Caulker and Ambergris). The Belize Red Cross Society (BRCS) responded immediately by shipping out emergency supplies from its disaster preparedness stocks which had been supplied by the Japanese Red Cross. However, the mainland districts of Belize and Orange Walk suffered extensive flood damage, along with the associated health risks and economic setbacks. For weeks after the Hurricane struck, the water levels continued to rise as persistent, heavy rains caused more flooding. CHF 120,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance. The Red Cross emergency relief focused its efforts on assisting the flood victims on the mainland, while the government, aided by the British Army and others, have concentrated their relief efforts on the cayes.
- BOLIVIA - FIRE: CHF 5,000 allocated on 3 October, 2000.** CHF 5,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the Bolivian Red Cross to assist 47 families left homeless following a family in Reyes village in Beni Department. Family parcels were distributed consisting of rice, sugar, oats, and one blanket.
- GEORGIA - DROUGHT: CHF 100,000 allocated on 13 October, 2000.** Georgia faces a severe food crisis due to a current severe drought that has damaged 60 to 95 percent of the cereal crops in southern and eastern Georgia. According to the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), some 696,000 people will require external food aid through next year's harvest and some 26,000 tonnes of seeds are needed for planting in the next season (based on a FAO/WFP Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission to Georgia, September 2000.) Following its own assessment, including discussions with government representatives,

humanitarian organizations, local administrative authorities in various regions, and private households, the Federation delegation in Georgia has established a plan of action that is an integral part of and complementary to the operations planned by WFP, FAO, and various NGO's. CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance, and Appeal 31/00 was launched on 10 October seeking CHF 4,720,000.

- ***NIGERIA - COMMUNAL CLASHES: CHF 75,000 allocated on 25 October, 2000.*** The tensions associated with the adoption of Sharia law supported by the Hausa ethnic people of the northern states, the growing militancy and vigilante activity of the OPC Yoruba political organization, and general socio/economic/political problems increased in Lagos. The situation first exploded almost a year ago when in December 1999 there was a significant outbreak of violence between the Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo communities of the Mile 12 area of Lagos in which some 50 people were killed and many homes and properties destroyed. The situation suddenly deteriorated on Sunday 15 October, and the Federation responded by allocating CHF 75,000 from its DREF to deliver limited assistance to victims.
- ***INDONESIA - FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES: CHF 107,500 allocated on 6 November, 2000.*** Heavy October rains affected most of Southeast Asia, causing flooding and landslides in Indonesia. An estimated 100 people are thought to have perished, with at least 4,200 families having losing their homes. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia - PMI) responded to these disasters and continues to support relief operations in several affected provinces. CHF 107,500 was released in two tranches from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance. With the support of the International Federation, an appeal for CHF 252,984 was issued on 30 November to provide assistance to 4,000 families (20,000 people) for a period of three months.
- ***SOUTH AFRICA - CHOLERA: CHF 100,000 allocated on 7 November, 2000.*** An outbreak of cholera in Kwazulu Natal Province, on South Africa's Eastern seaboard, was first identified in August this year and later officially confirmed in the northern coastal area of the Province. An increase in the number of cases (more than 7,000) and deaths (more than 30) and the spread of the disease to the southern Coastal area clearly indicated the severity of the situation. The main affected areas were the Port Shepstone area, Eshowe/Nkandla and Lower Umfolozi districts. The Government established re- hydration centres in the affected areas, deployed health teams and provided water tanks. The South Africa Red Cross Society (SARCS) assisted the Government in distributing household bleach to disinfect water and also helped mobilized other support. Responding to a request by the SARCS, the Federation (Harare Regional Delegation) sent a regional Field Assessment and Co-ordination Team (FACT) to assess the situation at an initial stage. Responding to the situation and to provide support and assistance to the SARCS, the Federation allocated CHF 100,000 from its DREF, followed by the launch of an appeal on 8 November targeting two districts with an emphasis on volunteer mobilization and training for health education and diarrhoea treatments, distribution of ORS (Oral Rehydration Salts), and water source chlorination in the short-term, leading to improved cholera awareness and the establishment of sustainable and appropriate safe water supplies and sanitation facilities.
- ***GUINEA-CONAKRY - POPULATION MOVEMENTS: CHF 75,000 allocated on 21 November, 2000.*** Liberia and Sierra Leone have been subject to civil war for the last 10 years. The intensity of the conflicts have varied at times, and has caused some 450,000 Liberian and Sierra Leonan refugees to seek shelter and assistance in Guinea from the violence in their countries of origin. While the political and security prospects appeared favourable at the beginning of 2000 with relative stability returning to Liberia and the signature of a peace agreement between the government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), the situation has changed dramatically in the last few months. Conflict broke out in Liberia's northern Lofa area as well as in Sierra Leone where several thousands were forced to flee across

the border. Following these events, the authorities restricted the refugees to their camps and took the decision to repatriate Liberian refugees. The national authorities also insisted on the transfer of the camps which are close to the border. Following the Government decision to integrate all the refugees in camps and to close the sites close to the border, a reorientation of the operation became essential, requiring the transfer of 125,000 refugees to new sites, the transfer of 40,000 refugees in Forecariah, and the repatriation of almost 60,000 Liberian refugees in N'Zerekore. At the beginning of October activities in Guinea had evolved to a point where humanitarian organizations, with the exception of the UN agencies, could consider a return to the area. Initial indications showed that the situation of the refugees is extremely worrying: sanitary conditions in the camps had deteriorated, refugees had been intimidated and stripped of belongings, and the operational agencies lacked the means to provide the needed assistance. To respond to the needs, CHF 75,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF, followed by Appeal 33/00 seeking CHF 377,087.

- **UKRAINE - STORMS: CHF 32,000 allocated on 11 December, 2000.** Severe ice storms have been ravaging 11 regions of the Ukraine since 27 November 2000, leaving 4 people dead, more than 700 injured, and knocking down electricity lines thereby cutting power supplies to large areas of the country. The Ukrainian Emergency Situations office deployed some 7,200 workers in order to restore electricity to the hardest hit regions, focusing in particular on affected hospitals, 743 kilometres of railway power grids, and bakeries. The regional offices of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, together with the Ukrainian Emergency Departments and Health Services, conducted surveys throughout the affected regions and requested assistance from the International Federation for relief supplies to alleviate the immediate suffering of those in most need. To immediately respond to the situation, CHF 32,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to begin the delivery of assistance.
- **SRI LANKA - FLOODS: CHF 100,000 allocated on 27 December, 2000.** Cyclone 04B swept across central Sri Lanka on Tuesday December 26 bringing 48 hours of heavy rains and winds gusting up to 120 km per hour. The cyclone hit land on the eastern coast in a 150 km wide band from Tirukkivil to Trincomalee. The cyclone moved north west leaving Sri Lanka's western coast between Mannar and Puttalam on Wednesday 27 December. The Sri Lanka Red Cross have received reports from Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Puttalam, Manmar, Polonaruwa and Amparai districts indicating 42,000 families affected, many with their houses destroyed in the cyclone or by floods. Tidal surges swept 100 metres inland on the eastern coast causing severe damage to many villages. With electricity and telecommunications severely disrupted in many areas the number of those affected by the cyclone rose as reports came in from other districts. The cyclone lost intensity as it moved south west across the southern tip of Tamil Nadu state in India. CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to support the immediate disaster response action by the Sri Lanka Red Cross.

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- Explanatory Note -

1. Consolidated Response to the Appeal

- This report provides a global picture on the funding situation of a specific appeal at a specific time.
- The cash column indicates all cash contributions channeled through the Federation, together with the balance carried forward from the previous year. Financial statements in support of the reported income are available upon request.
- The in-kind contributions (goods and services provided in response to the appeal objectives) are registered in a stand-alone system, based on the information provided by the respective donor. The values of these donations are based on information received from donors, and will be reported as such in the income and expenditure part of the consolidated report.
- Direct cash or in kind contributions made to Operating National Societies or in kind donations made to the Federation Delegations in response to the appeal are recorded as in-kind contributions in the report.

2. Balance of Funds - Cash Only

This report is a summary cash statement, providing the information on the balance carried forward from the previous year, cash income (including reallocations), cash expenditure (including reallocations - ref. part III of the consolidated report), and the closing balance at the end of the year.

3. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditures

This section of the report provides a comparative analysis of the total expenditures (cash and in-kind) versus the last approved budget of the appeal.

- The cash column reports on all expenditures booked against the Federation projects and cost centres . It relates only to the use of cash contributions received by the Secretariat for the specific appeal. Financial statements in support of the reported expenditure are available upon request.
- The in-kind columns (goods/services and personnel) report on the in-kind contributions donated in response to appeals, as per the information received from donors. This information is shown both as contribution and as expenditure against the specific appeal, and is consolidated, together with the cash expenses, against the appeal budget. As financial information is not always available from PNS, and for consistency reasons, a flat rate is applied for the calculation of personnel costs.
- The consumption rate represents the level of total expenditures (cash and in-kind) compared to the total income available (opening balance, cash and in-kind contributions),

4. Pledges vs. Contributions

Attached to this financial report is the list of pledges against the respective appeal.

- The comparative analysis of the list of pledges and the list of actual contributions provides a clear insight into any outstanding pledges in response to the appeal.
- Any differences in values between the two reports are due to fluctuations in exchange rates at the time of booking and the time of reception of the contribution.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES					
				Interim report	
				Annual report	x
				Final report	
Appeal No & title: 01.69/2000 DREF					
Period: year 2000					
Project(s): P30501					
Currency: CHF					
I - CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL					
FUNDING	CASH		KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL
	Contributions	Reallocations	Goods/Services	Personnel	INCOME
Appeal budget	7'000'000				
less					
Cash brought forward	2'930'142				
TOTAL ASSISTANCE SOUGHT	4'069'858				
Contributions from Donors					
Austrian RC (DNAT)	54'383				54'383
Austrian RC (DNAT)	50'000				50'000
DFID - British Govt (DFID)	900'000				900'000
Danish Govt. via RC (DGND)	207'706				207'706
Icelandic RC (DNIS)	38'847				38'847
Japanese RC (DNJP)	472'350				472'350
Luxemburg RC (DNLU)	50'000				50'000
Malaysia Private (DPMY)	456				456
Norwegian Govt. via RC (DG)	349'200				349'200
Norwegian RC (DNNO)	38'800				38'800
Spanish RC (DNES)	46'947				46'947
Swedish Govt. via RC (DGN)	35'997				35'997
Swedish RC (DNSE)	323'976				323'976
Swiss RC (DNCH)	140'000				140'000
Switzerland - Private (DPCH)	10'000				10'000
UAE RC (DNAE)	7'839				7'839
USA - Private (DPUS)	39'173				39'173
Other income	20'330				20'330
Allocations and refunds (net)		-2'239'422			-2'239'422
TOTAL	2'786'004	-2'239'422			546'583
II - Balance of funds					
				Opening balance	2'930'142
				CASH INCOME	2'786'004
				ALLOCAT/REFUNDS	-2'239'422
				EXPENDITURE	-900

				CASH BALANCE	3'475'824

Appeal No & title: 01.69/2000 DREF						
Period: year 2000						
Project(s): P30501						
Currency: CHF						
III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures						
Description	Appeal Budget	CASH Expenditures	KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL	Variance
			Goods/services	Personnel	Expenditures	
<u>SUPPLIES</u>						
Shelter & Construction						
Clothing & Textiles						
Food/Seeds						
Water						
Medical & First Aid						
Teaching materials						
Utensils & Tools						
Other relief supplies						
Sub-Total						
<u>CAPITAL EXPENSES</u>						
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles						
Computers & Telecom equip.						
Medical equipment						
Other capital expenditures						
Sub-Total						
<u>TRANSPORT & STORAGE</u>						
Sub-Total						
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
Personnel (delegates)						
Personnel (local staff)						
Training						
Sub-Total						
<u>GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION</u>						
Assessment/Monitoring/experts						
Travel & related expenses		705			705	-705
Information expenses						
Administrative expenses		195			195	-195
External workshops & Seminars						
Sub-Total		900			900	-900
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>						
<u>OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS</u>						
Transfer to National Societies						
TOTAL BUDGET		900			900	-900
Consumption rate:	Expenditures versus income		0%			
	Expenditures versus budget		ERR			

DREF						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.69/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				01.06.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				7'000'000		49.9%
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		172'000	USD	290'422	25.08.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				17'090	22.08.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				1'526	07.03.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				1'600	23.03.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				1'369	21.08.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				1'600	25.09.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				1'369	20.11.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				13'178	28.11.00	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE				1'600	27.12.00	
AUSTRIAN - RC				50'000	27.09.00	
AUSTRIAN - RC		35'991	EUR	54'383	06.12.00	
BRITISH - GOVT				900'000	19.01.00	DFID 3.4
BRITISH - RC		60'000	GBP	150'000	06.11.00	DREF REIMBURSEMENT
CANADIAN - RC		30'000	CAD	34'338	21.12.00	DREF REPLENISHMENT
DANISH - GOVT/RC		1'000'000	DKK	208'600	14.06.00	
ICELANDIC - RC		2'000'000	ISK	40'546	18.12.00	
JAPANESE - RC		30'000'000	JPY	467'160	26.06.00	
LUXEMBOURG - RC				50'000	05.04.00	
MALAYSIA - PRIVATE		290	USD	456	08.02.00	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		2'000'000	NOK	395'950	26.04.00	
SPANISH - RC		5'000'000	ESP	47'250	28.04.00	
SWISS - PRIVATE				10'000	08.05.2000	
SWEDISH - RC		3'243'000	SEK	608'711	21.07.00	
SWISS - RC				140'000	29.05.00	DREF RECONSTITUTION
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - RC		4'980	USD	7'839	18.01.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				3'494'987	CHF	49.9%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	