

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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“At a Glance”

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Outstanding needs: CHF 710,009

Update: There has been significant progress in southeast Asia: the team approach of pulling the country delegations closer to the regional delegation and providing more in-region professional support for technical delegates in the field is resulting in a better quality of service to National Societies. In disaster preparedness supportive regional networks between Societies and delegations have been built. Similar achievements have been made in organisational development and information sharing. Programming for HIV/AIDS is becoming higher profile.

Operational Developments

The events of 11 September are going to have a significant effect in Southeast Asia. Countries such as Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia, which have significant export trade with the USA have already seen a drop in export earnings. Likewise across the region earnings from tourism are down. Many governments are now contemplating zero or negative economic growth in the next year. This will have implications for government spending on health and social welfare programmes and the underlying struggle to combat poverty.

In Malaysia and Indonesia there have been significant anti-USA protests and a concern over the polarization of the Islamic community - this, in countries already worried about community tensions. In the Philippines, a recent rise in southern secessionist activities has been linked to the 11 September crisis. The crisis has also affected the National Societies directly in that they are increasingly under public scrutiny to demonstrate their impartiality and neutrality.

Disaster Preparedness

Further to the last Programme Update which referred to the transitional period of the programme, and in-line with the formulation of the Appeal 2002-2003, the objectives and activities of this programme have been reformulated. Whilst it is recognised that under such circumstances a revised Appeal is normally issued, given that the programme is now entering the last quarter, that the new objectives reflect the 2002 Appeal and that reporting against the new objectives provides a more meaningful report to our partners and donors, it was decided not to spend the considerable time to revise the annual appeal. The annual narrative report for 2001, due in May 2002, will also report against the new objectives though the financial report will remain unchanged and will refer to the original budget for 2001.

For 2001-2002, the new DM programme will consist of the following eight components:

- Component 1: National Society DP Support
- Component 2: FACT & ERU Capacities, and Disaster Response
- Component 3: Logistics Capacities
- Component 4: Disaster Management Information & Knowledge Sharing
- Component 5: Co-ordination and Services in Disasters
- Component 6: Regional Capacity & Institution Building
- Component 7: Regional Programme Co-operation & Co-ordination
- Component 8: Programme Management, Co-ordination & Evaluations

Currently, six out of the region's eleven National Societies are receiving Federation assistance to their DP programmes. As of 30 September, there were DP delegates based in three countries - Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia - plus one Regional DP Delegate and one Response Officer (Staff on Loan) based at the Regional Delegation in Bangkok.

The programme development work continued throughout the third quarter, and by the end of September, in connection with the work on the Annual Appeal for 2002-03, the new Regional DM Programme as well as the structure of the Regional DM Unit, was finally reshaped (see component eight).

A significant event during the third quarter was the '*1st SEA Regional DM Co-operation Meeting*' that took place in Melaka, Malaysia 9-12 August, involving the disaster managers (or equivalent) from 8 National Societies plus the DP/DM delegates from the 4 Regional/Country Delegations (see component 6). The Meleka meeting was preceded by the *3rd Regional DM Team Meeting* (all DP Delegates) that took place in Bangkok at the end of July. Both meetings are reflections of the strong participatory regional integration approach taken by the new Regional DM Programme.

1. NATIONAL SOCIETY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (DP) SUPPORT

Objective 1

The new regional, team-oriented and co-ordinated approach to individual NS support is understood, accepted, introduced and starting to function.

Activities & Achievements

In line with the new regional and more team-oriented way of working, to a large extent inspired by the Action Research process, this programme area primarily deals with the DP support to individual National Societies, on the basis of their recognised needs and plans. The main purpose is to facilitate and ensure effective mobilisation, utilisation and co-ordination of all capacities available within or outside the region – be it other regional NSs, external resources, the Regional DM Team, PNSs or the secretariat in Geneva – for the benefit of a specific National Society. Besides, it is within this programme area that the fundamental matters of ensuring an appropriate positioning of each NS in the

National Disaster Response Plan and of developing related strategic DP plans also are to be addressed. In order to address this, a Regional DP Co-ordinator is required.

During the last quarter, the new regional co-ordinated approach to individual NS support gradually has become understood and accepted, in particular by the Regional DM Team (the DP Delegates), to some extent among the region's National Societies, but to a lesser extent among concerned PNSs and other stakeholders. Although no systematic work has been carried out within this programme area, a growing number of examples of NS-to-NS interaction could nevertheless be seen, often under the influence of the steps so far taken to develop the Regional DM Co-operation Framework (see component 6).

Constraints

The systematic implementation of this programme area builds on the presence of a regional DP co-ordinator, the optimal utilisation of the regional DM team and on the development of the regional DM co-operation Framework. However, the regional DP co-ordinator has not yet been recruited (funding not yet available), and the formation and development of the regional DM Team and the Regional DM Co-operation Framework is still in its initial stage. These circumstances naturally limit the current achievements, and another year is probably required before the new approach is fully functional.

2. FACT & ERU CAPACITIES AND DISASTER RESPONSE

Objective 2

A mechanism for efficient and effective deployment of FACT capacities in Asia-Pacific being gradually developed, initially building on some 30 FACT trained persons and receiving acceptance and support from all concerned National Societies and Delegations.

Activities & Achievements

The concept of Field Assessment and Co-ordination Team (FACT) was developed in early 2000 as a new tool in the Federation's disaster response system. To develop its links to the various regions and to strengthen the regions own response capacities, is something that has been spelled out not only in the global/regional appeals, but also in the context of Action Research.

The Regional Disaster Management Unit (RDMU), together with DMC Geneva, organised the first FACT Workshop in Singapore 3 -14 September, with 30 participants from the national societies and delegations of Asia-Pacific. From the Southeast Asia region, National Society staff from Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia participated. The Singapore Red Cross Society hosted the workshop. The selection of the participants was done through the Regional OD Unit and then approved by Geneva. The curriculum of the training followed the same standard as the FACT workshops previously held in Geneva and the training sessions were conducted by a combination of facilitators from Geneva and the region.

The disaster response (DR) officer of the RDMU was invited to the regional Human Resources Forum in Manila to make a presentation on the FACT/ERU concepts.

The regional DR officer had an opportunity to make a presentation on FACT in the Regional Disaster Management Co-operation Meeting in Malacca, Malaysia (see component 6). The participating representatives of the National Societies were interested in the application of FACT/ERU in SE Asia. A working group on FACT/ERU is expected to be established within the framework of the Regional DM Co-operation. Such a regional group will play an important role in the management of regional FACT/ERU capacities.

Constraints

No particular constraints were experienced.

Objective 3

The possibilities for strengthening the regional ERU capacities being explored, and then developed accordingly.

Activities & Achievements

Another tool of the Federation's disaster response system is the Emergency Response Units (ERUs), initiated in 1994. Although such units have been deployed to Asia-Pacific region on several occasions, National Societies in the region rarely have sufficient human and material resources to individually run ERUs. The reinforcement of the regional ERU capacity through regional co-operation is, therefore, feasible in the long-term development strategy of the Federations global/regional disaster response system.

In July, a meeting was held with the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) in Tokyo concerning the inclusion of Asia-Pacific NS personnel into the telecom ERU of the JRCS. The telecom ERU of JRCS has not been operational for a long time due to the lack of a sufficient number of trained staff. JRCS agreed to include the human resources of Asia Pacific NS into the Telecom ERU. The ERU training itself will be held after April 2002.

In September, the Regional DR Officer participated in an ERU workshop in Geneva organised by the Secretariat. At several occasions during the period, information on ERU have been provided to National Societies showing interest in establishing their own ERU (such as Singapore & Hong Kong).

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 4

Adequate support being provided to NS/Delegations in SEA in response preparedness and in times of disasters.

Activities & Achievements

It falls within the role and responsibility of the RDMU to provide support to the NSs and country delegations in the region in times of disasters, and to facilitate access to the resources and expertise internationally available.

In July, the regional DR officer supported the Philippines National Red Cross Society in the assessment and drafting of an Emergency Appeal for victims of the Mt Mayon volcano eruption. Although PNRC is one of the most developed NSs in disaster response, the Society was not familiar with the format of Emergency Appeal and in collecting the information required. For this and some other reasons, the appeal process took fairly long time, before it eventually was launched by the Secretariat in Geneva and sufficient funds were raised.

In July, Myanmar experienced flash floods in the central part of the country. In response to the disaster, Myanmar Red Cross Society, through the Regional Delegation, issued an Information Bulletin seeking funds for the relief operation. The regional DR officer was initially requested to join the assessment and to facilitate the operation. However, the Government of Myanmar did not grant a visa permitting his entry to the affected (restricted) areas. Consequently, the practical support provided by the Regional DM Unit to Myanmar was limited.

During the period, the regional DM Unit regularly monitored the disaster situation in the region and frequently received and forwarded information on various disasters. During the increasing flood problems in the lower Mekong River basin from September onwards, close contacts were maintained between the RDMU and country delegations. In September, with some support from the Regional Delegation, an International Emergency Appeal was issued for victims of the floods in Cambodia (in October, a National Emergency Appeal was issued for victims of the floods in Vietnam).

Constraints

Recent experiences clearly indicate the need for establishing and promoting "Federation Standard Operation Procedures" for disaster response in particular for the countries without DP delegates (such as Myanmar and Laos) and for countries without delegations (such as Philippines and Malaysia). This task has been incorporated in the Regional DM Programme for 2002-03.

3. LOGISTICS CAPACITIES

Objective 5

Logistics development needs, potential challenges as well as structures and resources available within the region are being identified through a 6-months logistics assessment (to be followed by development work addressing these needs and challenges).

Activities & Achievements

This programme area has strong links to the Plan of Action for 2001-2002 of the *Logistics and Resources Mobilisation Department* of the Geneva secretariat. Simultaneously it addresses weaknesses identified through the ongoing Action Research process. Initially, there is a strong focus on thoroughly assessing the logistics situation at country and regional level. This includes the identification of needs for further structure, systems and staff development, as well as identification of the resources available. On the basis of the findings and conclusions of the assessment, structure/system development, training activities and other capacity building measures will be initiated. Simultaneously, the assessment contains a 'mapping' element, serving as an important input to the Federations new web-based DMIS (see component 4).

In close co-operation with the Geneva Secretariat and the Australian Red Cross, preparations were made for the logistics assessment and mapping exercise planned for November.

Constraints

These preparations, however, came to a halt in early October, when it was understood that the assessment, due to financial and personnel reasons, had to be postponed until 2002 (the logistics expert supposed to carry out the assessment would not be made available as planned).

4. DISASTER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Objective 6

The Federations new global, web-based DMIS is established and being used by the Delegations and by some of the NSs in SEA region.

Activities & Achievements

This programme area primarily covers the improvement of disaster management information systems, at both national and regional level. Initially, the focus lies on the introduction of the Federations new web-based DMIS (Disaster Management Information System). For dealing with this, as well the activities related to objective 2 below, a Regional DMIS & KS officer is required.

During the reporting period some information about the new global DMIS has been shared with delegations and National Societies; an initial awareness of the importance of, and the potential for, improved management information has developed. Discussions have been initiated with one of the National Societies in the region on the matter of that NS becoming a 'focal point' for disaster management information and knowledge sharing in the region.

Constraints

The systematic development and implementation of this programme area builds on the presence of a regional DMIS & KS officer. However, that officer has not yet been recruited (funding not yet available), a factor that naturally limits the current achievements. Furthermore, due to the workload on the existing two staff of the DM Unit, it has been decided to put most activities on hold until the DMIS &KS officer can be recruited.

Objective 7

Knowledge sharing networks are being introduced and becoming increasingly functional, in part within the SEA region and in part between SEA, the Geneva secretariat and other regions

Activities & Achievements

No systematic effort in introducing functional knowledge sharing networks has been carried out, apart from the knowledge sharing that takes place within the context of the Regional DM Team and the Regional DM Co-operation Framework (see component 6).

Constraints

The fundamental constraint is the same as been mentioned under objective 1 above, i.e. the regional DMIS and KS officer has not yet been recruited.

5. FEDERATION CO-ORDINATION & SERVICES IN DISASTERS**Objective 8**

The co-ordination and service mechanisms in times of major and semi major disasters are being substantially improved.

Activities & Achievements

This programme area largely emanates from the Action Research process and from lessons learnt during major disasters in recent years where insufficiencies regarding 'internal' Federation co-ordination has been felt. It deals with various measures that need to be taken for improvement of co-ordination and service provision, primarily to PNSs and donors, during disasters. There are a number of linkages between this programme component and component 4 (DMIS), which has a strong focus on disaster management issues. As preparedness of this nature largely depends on the willingness and capabilities of concerned NSs, CDs and government authorities, a mapping and 'acceptance process' of exactly what is possible to achieve has to be carried out. During the reporting period no work has been initiated in this area.

Constraints

The RDMU does not yet have the required staff capacity to deal with these matters.

6. REGIONAL INSTITUTION AND CAPACITY BUILDING**Objective 9**

A Regional DM Co-operation Body (work name) being introduced, recognised and increasingly functional, serving as a prime focal point for the regional DM development and co-operation.

Activities & Achievements

In line with Strategy 2010 (*Working effectively together as a Federation*) and in line with the Tokyo and Hanoi declarations of 1996 and 1998 respectively, this programme area focuses on developing an institutionalised framework for the Federations' DM co-operation in SEA region, and on the capacity development involved (human and financial resources) in order to make the framework functional and sustainable. This is a task that may take several years before being fully accomplished.

Initially it is intended to establish some sort of 'Regional DM Co-operation Body' serving as the prime focal point for regional co-operation matters, a body primarily comprising representatives from all NSs (the Heads of the Disaster/Relief Departments) along with the delegates of the Regional DM Team. Within the context of the Co-operation Body, the scope, mandate and strategies for future regional co-operation will be jointly developed.

Preceded by numerous discussions and various administrative preparations, the 1st Regional DM Co-operation meeting took place in Melaka, Malaysia, 9-12 of August. The meeting was organized by the RDMU and hosted by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society. DM managers, or similar, of eight National Societies and all DP Delegates of the region participated. The meeting was successful both in

its technical content and in the ‘good spirit’ that developed. The meeting resulted in a statement signed and adopted by all participants, among other things containing the following four main conclusions:

1. “We concluded that the overall purpose for the regional co-operation is to strengthen the National Societies human and material resources in disaster management, to enhance the regions own capability to improve its capacity for disaster preparedness and disaster response, among other things through the building of a co-operative regional disaster management programme, through sharing of knowledge and ideas, as well as sharing of human and material resources.
2. We concluded that there are a wide range of needs and areas for regional co-operation, as well as capacities and resources available to meet them, encompassing issues ranging from specific society-to-society interaction through regional and global tasks and challenges with implications for the DM work of the region.
3. We concluded that the regional co-operation should be carried out by establishment of an organizational framework, a “regional co-operation body” comprising representatives of each National Society at manager level (the regional DM team).
4. Recognising the current needs, challenges and resources of the National Societies, we concluded that the 2nd Regional DM Co-operation meeting should take place in November 2001, with the following overall purposes:
 - To develop plans and strategies
 - To discuss and identify budget and funding issues
 - To determine an adequate organisation structure for regional co-operation, as embodied in the regional DM Team.
 - To begin formulating “work procedures” for the established regional co-operation mechanism”

In line with the conclusions above, the 2nd Regional DM Co-operation meeting is planned to take place in Da Nang, Vietnam, 16-18 November, focusing on discussions and conclusions on the Programme Framework and the Organisation Framework for the future Regional DM co-operation. Following this it is intended to have the entire co-operation framework endorsed by the leadership of all National Societies. When, and if this happens, the foundation for a comprehensive, cohesive, co-operative and strongly integrated DM work of the Federation in Southeast Asia will have been laid.

Constraints

To follow-up the first meeting in August and to prepare for the second meeting in November, an ‘action plan’ was decided by the meeting, involving various participatory activities and with the head of the regional DM Unit in a facilitating, co-ordinating role. However, due to the under-staffing and heavy workload on the RDM Unit, the ability of the Unit head to assume that responsibility became very limited.

7. REGIONAL PROGRAMME CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION

Objective 10

A more co-ordinated programme approach and a more collegiate, cohesive management system, being introduced and developed within the Regional organisation structure, gradually leading to greater efficiency, better quality and stronger impact in our efforts to improve the DM capacity of the National Societies.

Activities & Achievements

This programme area reflects the new efforts to improve co-ordination between the technical programmes at all levels, both with regard to capacity building and empowerment of the national societies and in provision of various services. These efforts are now being facilitated through the structural/managerial changes that during 2001 have been introduced within the SEA regional secretariat structure as a result of the AR change process.

During the reporting period, discussions have been held with the Regional Health and Information Units with the purpose of identifying areas where these two technical programmes can act in a co-operative and supportive manner to the Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Response work (DP/DR) within in the region. These areas have now tentatively been identified and formulated, but the task to formalise and systematise that co-operation remains. Within the context of the new and more team-oriented ways of working, discussions have been held and a consensus has been reached on the need to develop common analysis, shared views and joint approaches in capacity building efforts towards individual National Societies.

Constraints

The location of the Regional Organisation Development Unit (RODU) in Kuala Lumpur and its traditionally less 'regional programme' way of working (for good reasons) have been a constraint in promoting discussions and shared views between all four technical programmes. However, with the moving of the RODU to Bangkok in late August, and under the influence of the OD-review that took place in October, that constraint should be possible to overcome.

To discuss and develop co-operative and co-ordinated approaches requires time and opportunities. However, when working at a regional level, involving frequent travelling, it is often too difficult for the Heads of the technical units to find time together. This slows down the process.

Due to its present under staffing, the 'space' for the RDMU in dealing with programme co-operation matters is limited.

8. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT, CO-ORDINATION & EVALUATIONS

Objective 11

A management function for the Regional Disaster Management Programme being established and becoming functional, for the purpose of overall programme management, co-ordination, development and follow-up.

Activities & Achievements

Compared to the past, the future regional DM work will look different in various ways. This will not only be from a purely technical perspective but also in the context of 'new ways of working' and the implications of increasing regionalization. Therefore, a function primarily focusing on matters related to programme management, co-ordination and development will be required; this will carried out by the head of the RDMU (formerly known as 'regional DP delegate') and by a regional programme officer (staff-on-loan (SOL) basis). The head of the RDMU will, therefore, have direct responsibility for the implementation of components six, seven and eight, the regional programme officer will provide support across all the components.

As mentioned above, in August an informal revision of the regional DP Appeal 2001-02 was completed. This has since provided the basis for developing the Appeal 2002-2003. The new programme consists of five interrelated components (see below), with the Regional DM Unit being structured into the corresponding five functions. Implementation of the programme will require five staff with different competence profiles (at present only two of the five posts are filled). These five posts, together with the 3 country-based DP delegates constitutes the Regional Disaster Management Team (RDMT). The RDMT in its turn constitutes a part of the '*Regional DM Co-operation Body*' – with DM representatives of all National Societies - currently under formation (see part 6). The basic programme structure in terms of components, functions and staff can be seen in the table below.

COMPONENTS & FUNCTIONS	STAFF	RESPONSIBLE
1. Individual National Society DM Support	1	<i>Regional DP Co-ordinator</i>

2. Disaster Response & Response Preparedness	1	<i>Regional Response Officer</i>
3. Disaster Management Information & Knowledge Sharing	1	<i>Regional DMIS & KS Officer</i>
4. Regional Capacity & Institution Building	1	<i>Head of RDMU,</i> assisted by,
5. Programme Management, Co-ordination & Co-operation	1	<i>Regional Programme Officer</i>
Total:	5	

At the end of July, the third regional DM team meeting (all DP Delegates of the region) took place in Bangkok. It focused on discussions concerning the new regional approach to the Federation's DM work and the forthcoming first regional DM cooperation meeting in August. At the meeting, knowledge and experiences were also shared about ongoing DP work in the region.

In July a participatory lessons-learned *Mekong Flood 2000 Study* was carried out with the help of two temporarily hired consultants plus one staff from the regional delegation. The study focused on six different topics in relation to the flood operations in 2000 in Vietnam, Lao and Cambodia. The study, which made a series of recommendations for improvement to future similar operations, was also useful for stimulating exchange of knowledge and experiences between the National Societies as well as delegations in the region. Copies of the study report are available at the regional delegation.

This year the first steps towards a joint, coordinated Annual Appeal planning process between the regional and the country delegations/NSs were taken when in September the head of the DM Unit spent considerable time screening and discussing the various DP Appeals with delegates. In 2002, with the regional DM cooperation framework more developed and with the planning process initiated much earlier, it is believed that considerable steps towards a well-coordinated annual planning process will be taken.

During the third quarter, considerable time has also been spent on various internal meetings, on receiving visitors and in dealing with a wide range of unscheduled activities.

Constraints

Although the first steps in establishing a management function at the regional DM Unit has been taken, it will be some time before that function is fully developed. Presently the Unit is understaffed, compelling the Unit head to deal with a broad range of issues, making the workload too high and reducing the time for further development work in relation to both programme and organisation matters. This situation is expected to continue until sufficient funding has been pledged and the required staff levels are met.

Humanitarian Values

The reporting period included the preparation of plans and appeals for 2002. A new member of staff joined the unit in mid-August, another one left at the end of the month. The relationship with National Society communications staff and leadership in the region continues to strengthen. Co-operation with other regional units continues to increase and plans are being developed for further integration of regional programmes to better support the Federation's capacity-building efforts.

Objective 1

To improve the communications capacity of National Societies in the region through:

- helping to establish communications/information departments where there are none and promote the principle that they are part of the core structure of the societies.
- strengthening the staff skills level.
- assisting societies in developing a long-term communications strategy integrating information, public relations, dissemination and fundraising.

Activities & Achievements

Regional Communications Network

The Regional Communications Network (East and Southeast Asia) was established by communications staff of 15 NSs in February 2001, when the Regional Communications Strategy 2001-2005 was developed. The network's members set up a working group, comprised of representatives from four NSs (Rep of Korea, China, Cambodia and Singapore) and the head of the Asia and Pacific (A&P) information unit. In May the ICRC's regional information delegate joined the working group. However, the delegate resigned during the reporting period and has not been replaced (though ICRC maintain their interest).

A second meeting of the working group was held in Bangkok on 28-29 September to discuss the implementation of the East and Southeast Asia strategy, start preparations for a regional communications workshop in early 2002 and to discuss participation of the regional network in a proposed regional advocacy event/campaign on World AIDS Day (1 December). The meeting was a fruitful one and indicates that the working group could become an effective mechanism to drive and lead the regional network (minutes from the meeting are available on request).

Regional Communications Internship Programme

This programme took off during the reporting period – some months later than originally planned, due to various factors, such as workload in the delegation, conflicting schedules and under staffing of the information unit.

The objectives of the regional internship programme are:

- To build the capacity of NSs by equipping communications officers with the necessary skills;
- To familiarise communications officers with the work of the Federation and the Asia-Pacific Regional Information Unit;
- To facilitate the formation of the Regional Communications Network.

The first intern, the director of communications for the Cambodian Red Cross, spent one week with the A&P Information Unit in August and underwent a week of intensive training in media relations, crisis communications, website editing and desktop publishing, as well as spending a day with the ICRC in Bangkok. During the last quarter of 2001, two more interns will spend time with the unit: a staff member from Macau Red Cross (October) and one from the Mongolian RC (November). Planning for the 2002 internship programme has commenced.

Support to National Societies

Cambodia

- Internship: the CRC's director of communications took part in the regional internship programme and went through a week of intensive training (*see above*).
- Media workshop: The head of unit took part in a media workshop in Phnom Penh in late September, facilitating an information session for international media in Cambodia.
- Planning: The A&P information unit provided various input into the formulation of the CRC's communications programme for 2002 during the appeal process and to the Federation's programme support in the area of communications.
- Reporting on floods operation and CBPH programme: Unit staff undertook two reporting missions to Cambodia, providing communications support to the floods emergency appeal, support to the NS and delegation during a visit of a UK celebrity and meeting with international media.

East Timor

Support was provided to the NS (in formation) and delegation/regional planning & funding Unit in developing and formulating the humanitarian values programme of the 2002 appeal.

Indonesia

Support was provided in formulating the humanitarian values programme of the 2002 appeal.

Myanmar

Support was provided in formulating the humanitarian values programme of the 2002 appeal.

Pacific

Support was provided in formulating the humanitarian values programme of the Suva Regional Delegation's 2002 appeal.

The Pacific partnership meeting in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in July provided an opportunity to revisit the communications plans that came out of the communications workshop in Fiji in March 2000 and to have discussions with Pacific NSs on their progress. It was particularly satisfying to note that nearly all NSs in the region are now including communications components in their programme planning work; several have started publishing regular newsletters. Discussions have now started on how to follow up on the results of the Fiji workshop.

Asia-Pacific Communications Strategy

The Asia-Pacific Communications Strategy & Plan 2001-2005 was adopted by the Asia-Pacific Department on 21 June 2001. This strategy forms the blueprint for communications work and programmes in Asia-Pacific and was the basis for the development of regional communications programmes (promotion of humanitarian values) across the region during the planning process for 2002-2003.

The strategy was presented to the Pacific partnership meeting in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, in late July and was well received (as it was during the HOD meeting in Geneva in June 2001).

It has become apparent that more work needs to be done in the Secretariat to introduce and promote the Asia-Pacific Communications Strategy & Working Plan 2001-2005 and to implement the necessary managerial measures outlined in the document.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 2

To improve the public image (and self-image) of National Societies in the region and enhance their ability to independently promote humanitarian values and principles, in line with the Hanoi Declaration's chapter on public relations.

Objective 3

To improve the understanding of Red Cross/Red Crescent principles among donors, civil authorities, the media, National Society staff and volunteers, as well as the general public, in order to produce more tangible support for the Red Cross/Red Crescent.

Activities & Achievements

Publications

Asia-Pacific FOCUS: The year's third issue of the Asia-Pacific FOCUS (issue 26) came out in September. The main topics covered included Federation and NS disaster response (S-2010 core area), advocacy, fundraising, gender-equality in programming, Red Cross/Red Crescent work in the field of HIV/AIDS across the region and organizational development issues. The publication is continuously being improved and distribution sharpened. Articles and photos produced for the A&P FOCUS are shared with interested National Societies around the world and the Federation's main website out of Geneva. The fourth issue of this year, out in December, will cover the fourth core area of Strategy 2010, health and care in the community. A growing number of NS communications officers are producing material for the AP FOCUS.

Mekong Floods INSIGHT: An INSIGHT publication on the Mekong Floods of 2000 came out at the beginning of the reporting period, covering RC/RC operations during the floods and plans for future

mitigation and disaster response in the Mekong River region. The publication was distributed to a targeted audience of National Societies, foreign missions, international organisations, media and corporate donors and potential donors. The publication was developed in close co-operation with the country delegations in the affected countries (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos) and has drawn on the resources of both delegations and NSs in the region.

Southeast Asia regional profile: A publication featuring the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Southeast Asia came out in July; the second of four planned 'regional profiles' in Asia-Pacific, each profiling the NS in the region and featuring the work of the Federation. They are being used for general distribution to stakeholders in each region and are used as a 'calling card' by delegations and NSs. The two published so far (Pacific and SE Asia) have been well received. These publications are much needed, as very little Federation-produced promotional material is available at present.

Media Relations

The Unit maintains a good working relationship with major media in Bangkok and Beijing. Press releases have been issued to promote the emergency appeal for the regional floods operations. Media coverage of the floods this year has been somewhat limited, especially when compared to the Mekong floods in 2000. A new staff member, with experience from Bangkok-based media, will continue to build on existing contacts and relationships in Southeast Asia.

Constraints

The Unit is still not fully staffed. A staff-on-loan from Singapore Red Cross left at the end of August. A replacement has been identified but not yet started work. A locally hired member of staff has filled the second information officer's position.

These difficulties have led to a very heavy workload for the team. Apart from this, the work is progressing well and the unit continues to gain the confidence of the National Societies in the region. Funding for the regional information unit remains precarious and delays in income of pledged funds have called for slight reshuffling of projects.

Health and Care

No major epidemics/outbreak or health related emergencies happened in the last quarter. The implementation of the change in regional management and technical support structure, and its first practical application during the annual appeal process, were the main events and activities for this quarter. The Regional health newsletter focussed on the UNGASS (HIV/AIDS) meeting.

Considerable time was dedicated to the 6th International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Asia and Pacific (ICAAP) that took place in Melbourne. This involved co-ordinating the participation from Asia and the Pacific as well as supporting the development of abstracts and the comic competition.

Concept papers were developed for the regional HIV/AIDS event on 1 December and for the scheduled regional health programme evaluation. Both concepts were widely circulated for comments. Otherwise most of the activities were conducted as planned.

Objective 1

Human Capacity Building

Key NS health managers/key staff equipped with adequate managerial and technical skills to design, implement and evaluate health programmes.

Activities & Achievements

To develop, conduct and document a tailor-made health management course for 20 NSs health programme managers/key staff.

The health management course report is in process. The report will cover highlights of the course content and results of the course evaluation. Course content included: introduction to public health,

health assessment and information, health policy development, health programme management, human resource development and health education and promotion.

To organize a regional health management workshop

The report on the regional workshop on quality in RC/RC health programmes is being finalised. The contents of the report are: the results of the review of regional initiatives and approaches; selected areas in quality management; issues in the health programme such as strategic planning health education, promotion and IEC materials development; proposal development and marketing; total quality management in RC/RC health programmes and human resource development as well as training and management systems. It is expected to be finished within November 2001.

To select, document and disseminate 'best practice' stories of NSs in the field of health..

A draft guidelines on 'best practice' is in the process of critiquing and comments. Its content are further definition of the review and selection process, criteria for selection, composition of the selection committee, and the decision process in the final selection of best practice case.

To identify universities and other institutions offering short training courses, and compile this information into a brochure on training opportunities.

Request letters for health courses 2002- 2003 were sent to the different training institutions. This is for the fourth edition of the training opportunities brochure to be released and circulated by the middle of December 2001.

To facilitate and support key NS health staff and program staff to gain access to short courses and conferences on health management and related fields.

No activity this quarter.

To organize and conduct on-the-job training missions with junior NS health staff.

No activity this quarter.

Objective 2

Human Capacity Building

A system for the effective utilisation of experts and resource persons of NSs within and outside the RC/RC Movement.

Activities & Achievements

To further identify health experts and focal persons through questionnaires, workshops and contacts, etc.

A Human Resource Database form was sent to other regional health team members for comments, however, there was no feedback. The concept and the HR database forms were presented during the HR forum in Manila, in July 2001. It was agreed that the regional skills mapping should also consider other technical fields in the region.

To formulate guidelines for the effective utilisation of NS health experts and focal persons by other NSs or partner health agencies.

The guidelines are still under development. Essential areas include: how to encourage more involvement from the different NSs through key staff, release of staff for missions, decision making processes and human resource database development.

Objective 3

Human Capacity Building

A regional network for information and experience sharing and advocacy among NSs, CDs and the regional delegation, as well as international and regional counterparts in health.

Activities & Achievements

To produce and circulate a regional health newsletter three times a year.

The second issue of the Regional Health Newsletter (RHN) was released in August 2001. It highlighted the issues related on HIV/AIDS. Other articles were on blood, health in emergencies, psychological support, capacity building, WatSan and community based first aid. It was a 16-page newsletter and was reproduced in 3,500 copies. It was distributed to existing contacts NSs in the region, PNS, external contacts, education institutions and other Federation offices. The RHN was also distributed during the sixth ICAAP conference.

To provide NS focal persons on the Newsletter continued technical guidance and support.

Requests were sent to RHN focal persons to identify themes that their NS would want to address, however, to date only 2 out of 7 focal persons have responded. This will be followed up.

To strengthen links with international organizations, government and non-government bodies, universities and learning institutions.

No activities this quarter.

Objective 4

Human Capacity Building

Technical and resource support systems for NSs, CDs and regional initiatives in the field of health.

To compile, reproduce and distribute to NSs, CDs and other units of the regional delegation, technical documents developed/produced by NSs, the RHU, as well as those by other health agencies.

Two issues of the Regional Health Unit (RHU) bulletin were released during the quarter. Subjects covered were health in emergencies, regional response and the dengue fever outbreak in Southeast and East Asia. The HIV/AIDS Federation statement relating to the 54th WHO assembly was not featured as it will be in the main issue of the RHN.

To develop and expand a resource library covering different health areas.

No activities this quarter.

To support and respond to requests from NSs and CDs for technical assistance and resource support.

Provided assistance through comments and critiques on country appeals especially on the human capacity building programme.

To attend relevant regional and/or international conferences, meetings or workshops in health in order to obtain updated information, data or new developments that effect the health programmes of NSs.

No activities this quarter.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 5

First Aid

Key NS FA program managers/key staff equipped with adequate managerial and technical skills to design, implement and evaluate FA programs.

Activities & Achievements

To identify and provide support to key NS health staff, opportunities to participate in on-the-job training (OJT) or twinning missions in order to gain practical skills in assessments, programme planning, monitoring and/or evaluation.

A mechanism to identify individuals potential for on the job training (OJT) and other practical training had been considered in the expansion of the human resource database. This is done in close co-operation with the human capacity building programme.

To provide scholarship-based support for two NS FA programme managers/key staff to attend short courses in the field of first aid, or community-based health programme management.

In close co-operation with the HCB programme, guidelines for the implementation of the scholarship support had been updated and will be re-circulated to National Societies. No NS staff, though, was supported through this initiative during the quarter.

To select, document and disseminate 'RC/RC Best Practice' stories in the field of FA as a knowledge-building tool for NSs in the region.

In close co-operation with the Human Capacity Building (HCB) programme, a concept paper and set of guidelines has been developed based on the results of the quality workshop (Singapore, October 2000).

Objective 6

First Aid

A system for the effective utilisation of first aid experts and resource persons within and outside the RC/RC Movement.

Activities & Achievements

To formulate and operationalise, in collaboration with the human capacity building programme, appropriate guidelines and procedures on the use of NS FA experts and resource persons.

Coordinated by the HCB programme, a set of guidelines and procedures is under review within the RHU, as well as with other units of the regional delegation.

Objective 7

First Aid

A regional network for information and experience sharing, and advocacy in the field of first aid among NSs, CDs, the regional delegation, as well as regional and international counterparts in the field of first aid.

Activities & Achievements

To maintain a regular first aid section in the regional health newsletter (RHN) through a group of NS focal persons.

Articles from the Red Cross Societies of Cambodia and DPRK comprised the FA section of the fifth issue of the Regional Health Newsletter which was released in July.

To provide technical support to FA section focal persons in maintaining and identifying future issues of the RHN FA section.

Continuously undertaken to ensure that a FA section within the RHN is maintained. It should be noted though that this effort requires considerable follow up and patience.

To compile, monitor, evaluate and disseminate to NS FA programme managers in the region relevant updates and developments on first aid in the region, and other parts of the world.

This was circulated to all NSs in the Asia region at the Asian Emergency and Disaster Medicine Conference in Singapore. With the exception of the Singapore Red Cross, which is one of the activity sponsors, the RHU didn't receive any response or expression of interest/attendance to the conference.

To strengthen and expand working relations with UN agencies, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, universities and learning institutions in the field of first aid and/or community-based health programmes.

Discussions on community-based FA with national disaster management officials and the ministry of health in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam were facilitated. These were realised through the Mekong floods review in July.

Objective 8

First Aid

A set of minimum standards for quality assurance in the field of first aid in the region.

Activities & Achievements

To provide technical support to the regional working committee for the standardisation of first aid programmes in the identification of key topics, teaching methodologies, qualifications of trainers, and other tasks stipulated in the terms of reference.

Discussions with committee members on how the harmonisation process should be carried forward were conducted after the concept paper committed by a member did not materialise. The proposal presented to members and their secretary generals for the RHU to temporarily assume the committee chairmanship for an interim period of one year was well accepted, and resulted in re-endorsement of NS representatives to work with the committee.

The proposed focus on the harmonisation of the basic first aid training certificates during the interim period, as well as the initiation of regional activities for the promotion of FA, as the key function of the committee were also accepted. Due to changes within the NS structures, new members were proposed by two NSs. Initial discussions to convene the committee in October also took place.

To participate in the initiative led by the health department (Geneva) on the development of monitoring and evaluation for first aid programmes.

There were no discussions during this quarter.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 9**Health in Emergencies**

Improved capacity of NS health departments and assigned emergency health staff to assist communities in addressing health problems/issues during disasters or disease outbreaks.

Activities & Achievements

To develop a registry of NS emergency health staff indicating existing capacity and skills, as well as requirements for training and development.

A list of NS health staff responsible for epidemic control, emergency health control, nutritional assessment, health surveillance/data analysis and communicable diseases was developed.

A survey of existing and future interventions of national societies in health emergencies is being undertaken.

To provide scholarship/funding support to selected NS emergency health staff to have access to relevant training courses.

The scholarship guidelines and procedures is being updated. Considering its early stages, it has not been able to cover funding requirements for NS staff training.

Though beyond the scope of this programme, a Thai Red Cross health staff and a Singapore Red Cross health volunteer, participated in the field assessment and co-ordination team (FACT) workshop in Singapore. They will be included in the HR database.

In collaboration with the International Institute for Disaster Risk Management and Charles Stuart University, preparations are continuing for a two-week health in emergencies training workshop which is to be held in Manila (26 November – 7 December 2001). The training will focus on developing needs assessment capacity within NS health departments, so that they be able to participate in disaster needs assessments of the NS and with other players in-country. The activity includes a two-day planning workshop which will outline objectives and priorities for the next two years.

To develop, jointly with the human capacity building programme and NSs in the region, criteria and guidelines for the selection and utilisation of NS emergency health resource persons.

Coordinated by the HCB programme, a set of guidelines and procedures is under review and discussion is taking place within the RHU and other units of the regional delegation.

To develop a computer-based databank of NS emergency health resource persons, as well as EH individuals available for emergency response missions.

The existing list of NS health staff will be updated when responses from the survey on health in emergencies is collated. The NS emergency health focal points will also be included in the HR database.

To produce a regular emergency health section in the Regional Health Newsletter through a group of NS focal persons.

The Regional Health Newsletter included an emergency health section in its fifth issue. It featured articles on vulnerability reduction from Indonesian Red Cross, key recommendations of the WHO inter-country meetings on disaster preparedness and key components of the regional HIE programme.

To produce an emergency health information package consisting of tools, software and reference materials for use by NS emergency health managers at NHQ and branches.

More reference materials from the Federation, WHO and the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) were collected for eventual inclusion into the information package. A draft design for the sleeve cover and brochure has been prepared and is under review, while replication of software and reference materials into different CDs had been tested. Due to time constraints and some technical difficulties, the product will only be released in the next quarter.

To develop/reproduce technical documents for distribution to NS emergency health departments/key staff.

Two related health bulletins were developed during the quarter (for detail see above section on HCB).

To facilitate the establishment and nurturing of professional contacts between NSs and relevant institutions, agencies and peers within and outside the region.

WHO and its country offices in Cambodia, Lao and Vietnam conducted meetings with NSs in these countries in connection with the flood operations in 2000 and the planned inter-country workshop on emergency health (November 2001). This had been carried out through regular contacts established at the regional level.

Objective 10

Health in Emergencies

Improved capacity of the Federation (Southeast and East Asia) to provide technical support, facilitate and to coordinate NS emergency health programmes and response operations.

Activities & Achievements

To develop a registry of Federation health advisers indicating existing capacity and skills, as well as requirements for further training.

Through the strengthening of the regional health team, a list of Federation health delegates and programme officers had been developed. A more detailed registry will be done utilising the HR database form.

To develop a computer-based databank of Federation health advisers (within the region) with emergency health skills.

There were no opportunities to carry this out during the quarter.

To develop/adopt guidelines, procedures for effective and maximum utilisation of Federation expertise in emergency health in the region.

There were no opportunities to carry this out during the quarter.

To develop a regional disaster map outlining type and characteristics of disasters, vulnerabilities as well as existing capacity, and NS/Federation interventions.

A survey to gather information on the different disasters and health emergencies in the region, as well as on existing interventions and the future plans of Nss, has been initiated. The survey results will be collated in the next quarter and will be utilised for the training workshop in November.

To conduct regular monitoring and surveillance to detect public health trends and dangers.

This was continuously done during the quarter. The production of the health bulletin on dengue was based on the observed marked increase of dengue cases, especially in Cambodia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as in Laos, Malaysia and Singapore. Monitoring was done through ProMed and WHO WPRO.

Flood situations in Cambodia, Lao and Vietnam were followed up jointly with the regional disaster management unit (RDMU). There was also follow-up with the Philippine National Red Cross concerning the Mayon volcano eruption and the critical water levels of the Pinatubo volcano crater.

To adopt and disseminate in the region established Federation guidelines on emergency response.
PNRC were provided with assessment and appeal formats in connection with the Mayon eruption.

To develop mechanisms to respond to NS and CD request for technical and resource support related to assessment, review or evaluation of NS emergency preparedness or response programmes.
Ongoing discussions with RDMU have been initiated to establish appropriate, organised mechanisms and procedures of engagement of different units within the regional delegation.

To develop and maintain relevant databases on medical logistics and supplies, etc.
Initial discussions with RDMU have been conducted. This process will be taken forward jointly with the health and logistics departments in Geneva in the coming months.

To maintain and regularly update a resource library on emergency health management for RHU support and use in the region.
New reference materials were gathered. These are mostly electronic versions which will be included in the HIE information package. An orderly inventory will be developed so that these can be easily accessed by PC at the RHU, as well as in the laptop when programme officers go to the field.

To establish/maintain relationships with other organisation in the field of emergency/disaster management to improve Federation's preparedness and response capacity in the region..
The Programme has established/strengthened contacts with relevant organisations within the Mekong region in connection with the 2000 flood operations 'lessons learned' study in July. These organisations include the national disaster management committees, health ministries and WHO representative offices in Cambodia, Lao and Vietnam, Mekong River Commission, UNDP, WFP, Oxfam and CARE.

Contacts and sharing of plans with WHO WPRO have continued. Discussions with ADPC and IDRM were conducted for possible partnership in the organisation of a health in emergencies training workshop in November (IDRM was the selected partner for this activity). Contacts with UN-OCHA Asia Pacific and Eriksson were also established through the FACT workshop in Singapore.

To participate in regional and international meetings on emergency health/disaster management to acquire updated information and tools on EH/DM.
Participated in the disaster management co-operation meeting in Malaysia (August) involving disaster managers of NSs in Southeast Asia. The meeting enabled the programme officer to gain an understanding of the disaster management programmes of NSs in the region. During the meeting, the officer was able to present the Health in Emergencies Programme, as well as the key observations and recommendations of the Mekong flood operation lessons learned study.

To establish and apply standard field operations systems and procedures on assessment, emergency operations management, response co-ordination, evaluation, etc.
There were no opportunities to initiate this process during the quarter.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 11

HIV/AIDS & Reproductive Health

Technical and resource support systems for the ART Secretariat in supporting ART members to implement the programs of the task force.

Activities & Achievements

To support the ART Secretariat in developing work-plans and budgets, and establishing administrative and organizational procedures in reporting and finance.

A decision was made to organise an ART meeting in conjunction with at the International Home Care Conference (HCC) in Thailand, December 2001. The preparations are underway.

To assist member National Societies in developing HIV/AIDS strategic plans.

With support from the RHU, the Thai Red Cross conducted a strategic planning on HIV/AIDS.

Objective 12***HIV/AIDS & Reproductive Health***

A system for health data and health-related data collection and analysis in the field of HIV/AIDS/STDs as a basis for strategy development in specific country/risk group situations for national society and country delegations.

Activities & Achievements

To develop and maintain professional contacts with relevant institutions, agencies and peers within and outside of the region and continuously review accessible health data .

The programme officer attended the annual Asia-pacific co-ordination meeting on HIV/AIDS organized by UNAIDS (13-14 September, 2001). HIV/AIDS related health data continues to be reviewed on a daily basis.

Objective 13***HIV/AIDS & Reproductive Health***

Increase awareness for the prevention of discrimination and stigmatisation against people living with HIV/AIDS

Activities & Achievements

To conduct regional comic strip competition..

A total of 67 comic strips from 15 countries were received for the regional competition. All entries were displayed at the Red Cross exhibition booth at the Sixth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP). The selection of winners was done by the congress participants.

To profile the role of RC/RC in the UNGASS in the Regional Health Newsletter.

A RHN edition largely focused on the renewed commitment of the Federation in relation to scaling up its response to HIV/AIDS; it was especially produced for distribution at the sixth ICAAP. This newsletter also substitutes the originally planned HIV/AIDS bulletin.

To coordinate production of a "Positive Lives" photo series.

This project is aimed to create the positive image of PLWHA through a photo series in Asia. Under the co-ordination of RHU and with the support of NS, this project is being implemented in Korea, China, Cambodia, and Philippines. Also, in partnership with the Federation, the project will organise a joint Red Cross exhibition of these photos at HCC.

Objective 14***HIV/AIDS & Reproductive Health***

ART members capable of implementing and supporting HIV/AIDS related programmes.

Activities & Achievements

To initiate meetings on cross border issues in order to plan joint programmes and develop proposals.

The Lao and Thai Red Cross societies plan to develop a proposal on cross-border work. Nepal Red Cross is currently coordinating and working with several NGOs in India in order to tackle the crucial problem on trafficking of young women.

To conduct communication analysis of the ART.
The activity is rescheduled to the fourth quarter.

To produce the brochure on the ART guiding principles on home care for PLWHA.
The activity is rescheduled to the fourth quarter.

To produce the ART information booklet and other promotional materials.
A brochure focused on the work of ART and principles has been produced by the ART Secretariat.

To produce the ART newsletter (edition 9 and 10).
The ninth edition of the ART newsletter, which focused on the evaluation of youth peer education programmes, has been produced by the ART Secretariat with the assistance of the regional health unit. The next edition is being developed and copies have, or will be, distributed at the two international HIV/AIDS conferences, ICAAP and HCC.

Constraints

There were no significant constraints during this period.

Objective 15

Blood

Key NS blood managers equipped with necessary managerial and technical skills to provide blood programmes of adequate quality.

Activities & Achievements

To finalize the report of the regional voluntary donor recruitment workshop
The report has been produced and disseminated within the regional network of blood professionals.

Objective 16

Blood

A communication network amongst NS blood managers for information and experience sharing in the field of policy, donor recruitment, counseling and other issues, has been established.

Activities & Achievements

Identify potential contributors to the regular blood section in the Regional Health Newsletter, issue Number 6.

The blood section of the forthcoming edition will focus on the blood donor recruitment programmes and highlight the International Blood Colloquium organized by the Federation in South Africa, September and the third Asian RC/RC symposium on blood programmes that will take place in Thailand during November.

Objective 17

Blood

A system for the effective utilisation of expertise and resource person in blood within the RC/RC movement.

Activities & Achievements

To develop TOR and invite NS experts for the regional blood advisory group to meet annually to review programme progress and strategy and establish regional working committees.

An invitation letter to National Societies in SE/E Asia to join the regional blood donor recruitment task force has been sent out and several NSs (Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar) indicated their interest.

Furthermore, a regional advisory board of blood professionals is being formed. To date, Korea, Thailand, Japan and the Philippines national societies have joined the group.

The first meeting of both groups is scheduled to take place in November, during the third Asian RC/RC symposium.

Constraints

There were no significant constraints during this period.

Objective 18

Water and Sanitation

Key NS water and sanitation managers equipped with adequate managerial and technical skills to implement programs in the field of water and sanitation.

Activities & Achievements

To identify and establish a group of key focal NS human resources in water and sanitation management for skills training.

Liaison with the capacity building programme to work on scholarship guidelines. Liaison within the health unit's other programmes, in particular the development of skills mapping of RC personnel in the region.

Objective 19

Water and Sanitation

A system for effective utilisation of expertise and resource persons in the field of water and sanitation within the RC/RC Movement.

Activities & Achievements

To facilitate and support a regional WatSan advocacy campaign group meeting.

Invitation letters to NSs and PNS involved in water and sanitation in the region, for nomination of appropriate members to the group have been sent. The first meeting is schedule for the second week of Nov. Attendants at the meeting will discuss various options and adopt the best role and responsibility of the working group, including a region wide activity aimed at the World Water Day in 2002.

To identify and map available key expert NS water and sanitation managers for effective use in the region and integrate acquired data into a central health data bank.

A questionnaire was sent to all national societies in Southeast and east Asia to gather information on NS Watsan activities, including key contact persons, types of activities and an indication of the national societies expectations of the regional Watsan officer. The information is currently being collated.

Objective 20

Water and Sanitation

A network for information and experience sharing and advocacy amongst NSs, country and regional delegations, local and international counterparts in the field of water and sanitation.

Activities & Achievements

To compile, monitor, and evaluate regional water resource and sanitation management and related health diseases through the WWW, articles, journals and appropriate contacts in support of the Health Information System Programme.

This activity is ongoing throughout the reporting period, with relevant information forwarded to the national societies and country delegations.

To identify resource persons for contributing articles in the Regional Health Newsletter (RHN). The water and sanitation officer will be responsible for collating/editing articles from NSB and other interested parties.

This activity is ongoing throughout the reporting period, with a new resource person being contacted for the next RHN.

To establish and further develop a working relationship with international organisations, NGOs and UN agencies in water and sanitation management regionally and worldwide.

This activity is ongoing throughout the reporting period, with initial contact made with Oxfam regional office in Bangkok, ICRC wat-hab officer in Manila, and WHO water and sanitation representative for Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

To establish and maintain ongoing communication links with CDs, NSs and donors to update issues pertaining to water and sanitation management.

This is done in co-operation with the planning and reporting unit of the delegation, including briefings to visiting donors, PNS and other agencies.

Objective 21

Water and Sanitation

Technical and resource support systems for NS, country delegations and regional initiatives in the field of water and sanitation.

Activities & Achievements

To support and respond to NS and CD requests for technical assistance and resources in assessment planning and evaluation of programmes. This will be carried out according to the situation and requests from parties concerned.

Technical support to emergency appeals for the Philippines Mayon Volcano eruption, flooding in Myanmar, and the flood in Cambodia.

A 5 day mission to assist the Cambodian Red Cross and country delegation to assess the water and sanitation situation in response to the flooding in country was carried out. This included: liaison with all parties concerned, assisting to develop a plan of action for the response to the water and sanitation needs (particularly the needs of those people escaping the floods to 'safe areas') and advising on the rehabilitation process.

Technical advise to the Vietnam country delegation (office in Ho Chi Minh) on water and sanitation design for school projects in the Mekong Delta was also provided.

To attend relevant congress/conferences/workshops related water and sanitation management in the region and world-wide by the regional water and sanitation officer for obtaining updated information/data/new developments and to place the Federation in the networking and potential discussion forum.

There was no opportunity to conduct this activity during the period.

To build-up and maintain a resource library of water and sanitation related reading materials for RDBK support and use in the region.

Additional relevant books and references are being purchased and disseminated to the NS and CD.

Constraints

There were no constraints during this period.

Objective 22

Health Information System and Technical Support

A system for health data collection, analysis and dissemination for NS and CD.

Activities & Achievements

To continuously review accessible health data with specific emphasis on health status of high risk groups (e.g. elderly, slum inhabitants and migrating population).

Data collection and review has been ongoing. This included assisting in the analysis of data for the dengue article (see health bulletin) and the provision of data and information for the Federation annual appeals.

To develop and maintain professional contacts with relevant institutions, agencies and peers within and outside the region.

This is an on-going activity.

Objective 23

Health Information System and Technical Support

A technical and resource support system for assessment and evaluation.

Activities & Achievements

To discuss/advocate with NS leadership the importance of skills building in the field of assessment and evaluation.

No opportunity was available to carry out this activity. The establishment of regional working groups on core health areas in the up coming period will facilitate the discussion and advocacy for this activity.

To provide technical support by conducting and reviewing assessment/ evaluation in the field of health.

Support was provided for the assessment mission to Cambodia (water and sanitation).

Objective 24

Health Information System and Technical Support

A formal/informal network for information sharing and exchange among NSs within and those outside the RC/RC Movement.

Activities & Achievements

To produce a Regional Health Newsletter.

The fifth Regional Health Newsletter was produced during the reporting period.

Constraints

There were no constraints during the period.

Institutional and Resource Development

The following significant activities took place during the reporting period:

- OD/governance workshop, Pyongyang, DPR Korea.
- Branch capacity building workshop, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- Regional HR forum, Manila.
- Advice to country delegations on OD plans for the Federation's Appeal for 2002.
- Preparation for the regional OD review, to take place 10-27 October.

Objective 1

To support societies engaged in the ID processes in achieving significant improvements, including some or all of the following:

- A clear mission statement which is reviewed regularly and is well disseminated and understood both inside and outside the National Society.
- A proper legal base with relevant, up to date statutes.
- A constituency which represents a cross section of the national population.
- A sufficient number of active board members well versed in national and international Red Cross history and philosophy.

Activities & Achievements

The OD delegate was requested to conduct an OD/governance workshop in DPR Korea 10-12 July for 30 participants from the NS headquarters and all branches. DPRK RC decided to organise the workshop as a sequel to the OD/RD team visit in February 2001, when it was agreed that a forum was required in order that the society identify and address its crucial internal issues concerning governance and management.

With the ultimate goal of assisting the DPRK RC in becoming a well functioning national society, the purpose of the workshop was to present the Federation concepts of governance and organisational development (OD), to identify collectively the governance and OD issues & priorities for DPRK RC, and to draft an outline OD action plan as part of the DPRK RC strategic plan currently under development.

The workshop concept and programme were designed by the regional OD delegate in consultation with DPRK RC. The workshop materials were sent for translation during May and were available on Power-Point for the workshop. Apart from the governance sessions (facilitated by the OD delegate with translation), the three day workshop was run entirely in Korean by a senior officer of the international department, who received advance detailed briefing from the OD delegate on structure, methodology and devising appropriate group work exercises.

The workshop was attended by senior officers from DPRK RC headquarters and the heads of office or vice chairman of about half of the provincial and municipal branches, a total of 30 participants. There were only four female participants (one of whom was a translator) which is not a good gender balance, though the society is aware of this and is endeavoring to remedy it.

The expected outcomes from the workshop were largely achieved:

- Clarity about DPRK RC's governance and management situation, and agreement about how they can be strengthened
- Agreed action points and strategies for taking forward an organisational development process within DPRK RC, at both HQ and branch levels.

Based on the workshop outcomes, an OD plan has been developed by the DPRK RC.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 2

Societies will have enhanced capacity through:

- Stronger leaders who recognize the distinct roles of governance and management.
- Improved financial and material independence, with more locally generated resources.
- Efficient and transparent management of resources, including public auditing.
- Functional administration, with efficient organizational/administrative structures, systems and procedures, especially for personnel.
- The creation of fully inclusive country assistance strategies which are derived from the societies' own strategy.

Activities & Achievements

The OD unit was invited to co-facilitate a three-day branch capacity building workshop in Kuching, Sarawak state, Malaysia in September (separate report available).

The workshop objectives as stated by Malaysian Red Crescent Society:

1. To (help) create a well functioning national society.
2. To build the capacity of the branches in governance and management, communications, finance and fundraising.

3. To draw up (the elements of) a five year MRCS action plan.

Since most of the MRCS branches are rather autonomous, the objectives were set to both inform the participants (sessions on the RC Movement, the history and current situation of the Malaysian RC, the seven fundamental principles, Strategy 2010), and to engage them in devising and agreeing ways and means to strengthen their own society (sessions on governance, well functioning national society, internal and external communications, human resources and fundraising/resource development).

The workshop was attended by the chairmen, vice chairmen and directors of 13 state branches, a total of 26 participants (two states were not able to send participants). There were only four female participants. The facilitators were the national vice chairman, the MRCS Secretary General, the regional OD delegate and the regional OD officer.

The outcomes expected from the workshop were:

- Understanding about the situation of MRCS branches and proposals about how they could be strengthened.
- Agreed action points and strategies for taking forward a strengthening process within MRCS, especially at branch level.

The above outcomes were achieved. The main ingredients for a branch development action plan were prioritized as: implementing human resource development, financing core activities, improving internal and external communications and developing and adopting a quality assurance system.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 3

Societies will improve service to beneficiaries/communities through:

- Stronger programme management in health, disaster response/preparedness.
- Better trained, motivated and managed staff.
- Better organized and co-ordinated volunteer management.

Activities & Achievements

An OD review was prepared for October. The purpose of the review is to facilitate the development of the regional OD programme based on an examination of past experience, assessment of NS expressed needs, and meaningful stakeholder consultations.

The tasks of the OD review team will be:

1. Evaluation

- ✓ Examine the first three years of the regional OD function (1998 - 2001).
- ✓ Identify the factors essential to successful and sustainable regional OD support to national societies.
- ✓ Identify the factors contributing to less successful/sustainable regional OD interventions.

2. Needs assessment

- ✓ Identify current and (medium term) future OD support needs of the national societies in the region.

3. Future mapping

- ✓ Based on the evaluation and assessment, identify which areas of OD support should be provided by the regional OD programme, and how they should best be provided - direct by the regional OD unit, via other regional technical units, by country delegations, by sister societies or by outside agencies/consultants.
- ✓ Propose strategies for providing required regional technical assistance in OD.

- ✓ Outline the main elements of a plan of action for a regional OD programme based on the above processes and outcomes.

A regional volunteer co-ordination/management workshop, scheduled for the third quarter to be hosted by Philippines NRC, was postponed due to lack of funds and capacity in the Geneva OD department at this time. It will hopefully be possible to reschedule the event during 2002.

Constraints

There were no serious constraints.

Objective 4

Enable societies in the region to contribute to the diversified and improved recruitment of international personnel for more efficient programmes, while widening the regional pool of BTC-trained candidates for regional and international missions.

Activities & Achievements

The regional delegate recruitment programme (RDRTP) is an essential element of many national society organisational development processes and is co-ordinated by the regional OD officer. The purpose of the programme is to increase regional exchange of qualified people among national societies, to widen the pool of talented potential delegates, and to achieve a broader distribution of nationalities among delegates to reflect better the international nature of the Federation.

During this quarter, an invitation was extended for attendance at a regional BTC in Bangladesh organised by the Federation's South Asia delegation. Four candidates from SE Asia region attended and all four were recommended for Federation positions and in addition one was recommended for ICRC position.

The RDRTP/HR Forum was held in Manila from 16-18 July and was hosted by the Philippines National RC (full report available). The Forum participants came from NS of Southeast and East Asia. Supporting societies from Sweden, Japan, Republic of Korea and Australia also joined the Forum together with the SE Asia desk officer in Geneva.

Forum objectives:

- To evaluate the RDRTP according to the experiences of NSs involved in the programme.
- To create a platform to discuss human resource issues in general among the National Societies of the region.

Expected Forum outcomes were:

- Clarity concerning the future of the RDRTP's funding.
- Consensus on the value of the RDRTP and its impact.
- National Society HR priorities agreed among participants.
- First draft of HR strategy for the region.

All outcomes were achieved, except the drafting of the regional HR strategy which was put in the hands of a seven person team elected from among the NS participants, and is expected to be finalised by the end of October.

Many important OD issues are found to revolve around HR issues; this forum was greatly appreciated because this was the first time a regional gathering dedicated to HR had been organised. It will be followed up by selected "country HR team visits", which will aim to support NS in implementing the regional HR strategy at country level, and also provide tailored technical advice to NS human resource staff/volunteers.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Regional Co-operation

During this period the regional team has worked closely with ICRC on planning for 2002, has further expanded linkages with a number of key governments and institutions in the region and has outposted a staff member to Vietnam.

Objective 1

To advocate for the Federation, its members and goals, with selected key partners in Southeast Asia.

Activities & Achievements

The relationship with the World Bank was further developed when a meeting was held with the new representative in Thailand (covering Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Mongolia). Whilst possible funding links between the two institutions was discussed, common areas of interest included national policy development links, practical work on good governance (including building capacity of civil society) as well as HIV/AIDS and disaster mitigation.

The regional office also attended the ESCAP regional meeting on Water and Sanitation in Bangkok. The opportunity to profile the work of the regional National Societies in this critical sector was realized through taking part in panel sessions and leading group sessions.

In addition to attending a regular co-ordination meeting with UN Agencies, a meeting was held with Oxfam (UK) to discuss co-ordination in disaster response, with the British government (DFID) to consider closer co-operation - especially in the relationship between poverty alleviation and vulnerability to disaster - and with ECHO to develop a closer partnership in disaster preparedness (through DIPECHO). The Swedish government (SIDA) also began a visit to the region during October; their remit is to look at humanitarian aspects of their overseas assistance - including the extensive support provided through Swedish RC - with a particular focus on for example, forgotten vulnerable groups, such as IDPs and co-ordination of humanitarian actors.

Constraints

There were no constraints.

Objective 2

Provide co-ordination services to National Societies and the ICRC who provide assistance to South East Asia.

Activities & Achievements

The regional office continued to expand its role in supporting partnerships within the region. Significantly the secretary generals from within the region met in Phnom Penh together with the Federation and ICRC. The meeting was considered a great success and the conclusions called for, amongst other things, more co-ordination of regional networks and concrete inclusive steps to develop a regional strategy (RAS).

In line with the initiative to shift some Geneva desk functions to the field, increasingly co-ordination with the PNS has been directed from Bangkok, or on a day to day basis, directly between country delegations and the PNS. Whilst this is still in an experimental phase, it is hoped that this will improve the effectiveness of the partnerships. During the next quarter this strategy will be complimented by the provision of a twice monthly sub-regional newsletter and by reestablishing the website for the coming partnership meeting in Jakarta (March 2002); the website will include, inter alia, lessons learnt from the recent partnership meeting in Central Asia.

During the reporting period there were few partners traveling to, and within, the region. However, visits were made by French and Swiss RC to Laos, by the Danish RC (head of relief department) to Bangkok and the new Australian RC Head of International also to Bangkok. The coming quarter will see a small group of partners meeting with PMI, ICRC and the Federation in Jakarta to discuss disaster

preparedness/conflict preparedness. The Korean RC will visit Cambodia and the British RC and Swiss RC plan to visit Vietnam.

Constraints

There were no constraints during the period.

Objective 3

To have in place a comprehensive study of planning, funding and reporting capacities leading to a strategy to enhance these functions in the sub-region.

Activities & Achievements

Having completed the study in the last quarter, since July steps have been taken to enhance the planning and reporting functions within the sub-region as well as to share experiences across regions.

In August the planning and reporting officer moved to Vietnam where she is working not only to support regional functions, such as providing technical advice to Indonesia and Cambodia delegations, but is also working directly with the Vietnam delegation and with VNRC. Specifically she has supported VNRC in formulating the National Flood Appeal and in advising on the format and skills required to produce an 'Operations Update' against that appeal.

In support of the Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC) volcano operation, a workshop with PNRC headquarters and chapter staff was held in Manila. This looked at planning and reporting with particular emphasis on strengthening PNRC reporting on the Federation supported operations and on enabling PNRC to develop further partnerships with donors and partners in the region.

The annual appeal process took up a considerable amount of time during August and September. Technical assistance was made available to delegations in both formulating the logic of the appeals and in editorial support. All seven completed appeals were submitted to Geneva ahead of schedule complete with funding and personnel plans; draft copies were also made available to key partners. During October work began on the second round of programme updates for the current funding year.

The 'reporting working group' has been restarted during September. This initiative, whose focal point is Geneva, will draw on the experiences of the various secretariat divisions as well as on Budapest and Bangkok regional offices to strengthen reporting (the experiences from Southeast Asia will very much contribute to this).

Constraints

The major constraint is the limited funding available for the critical functions of planning and reporting. The planning and funding unit (under the regional co-operation programme) is only 70% funded in 2001. The shortage of funds means that there is little scope to hire local low cost editors and that the head of the unit spends a disproportionate amount of time editing documents (when he should be concentrating on NS capacity building issues).

The lack of clear leadership from the relationship management division at the Secretariat, has been a constraint. However, with the recent appointment of a head of division, it is hoped that the work in Southeast Asia will both contribute to, and benefit from, the vision of this division.

Co-ordination and Management

During this quarter the regional delegation has implemented the most significant of the management changes under the action research rubric. As of 1 September, country delegations in the region - six in all - started to report directly to the regional delegation in Bangkok and not to Geneva. At the same time the regional sectoral programmes have started to incorporate country based technical staff into the regional teams to increase the degree of professional support they get and the level of professional accountability expected. As part of this change process, all country and regional level appeals for

2002-2003 have been processed through Bangkok using a much more rigorous quality assurance procedure than in the past..

Objective 1

To manage and service the core service programmes provided by the regional delegation.

Activities & Achievements

Line management support has been provided by the head of regional delegation to the heads of the health, information, disaster management, organisational development (moved from Kuala Lumpur to Bangkok in August) planning reporting and funding unit as well as the regional finance unit (in Kuala Lumpur).

Quarterly reports, performance appraisals and requests for mission extensions have been completed on time. The management of the regional finance unit in KL continues satisfactorily although we are exploring other possible ways of managing the unit given its wide brief to provide financial services to all the delegations in Asia/Pacific, not just in SE Asia. This issue was taken up during a visit to the KL office by the Federation's internal audit dept.

Progress is being made on building true regional teams across SE Asia with the health staff and the disaster management staff meeting and communicating regularly. In addition the head of the health unit has taken on additional programme co-ordination duties and has embarked upon a series of initiatives to better co-ordinate the work of the technical units. One initiative worth highlighting is focussing upon building a common database of skills and experiences in national societies such that the delegations and NSs in the region are better able to tap "in-house" expertise when needed rather than looking to external delegates or consultants.

Constraints

The only real constraint continues to be the challenge of managing a diverse grouping of people who are continuously on the move. The opportunities for team meetings - attended by the full team - are few.

Objective 2

To manage the country delegation and other Secretariat activities in the region.

Activities & Achievements

During this quarter heads of delegation have been appointed to the two vacant posts in Indonesia and Lao and a full time Federation representative has started in East Timor. There is now a full management team in the region. The management team met in June in Bangkok and consolidated and agreed their regional approach to the production of the 2002-2003 appeal.

Regionalization.

As of September, all heads of country delegations are reporting to the head of regional delegation in Bangkok, not directly to Geneva. A system of short focussed weekly reporting has been put in place, with HOD's reporting to the HORD and the HORD providing a regional summary report to the HODS and the heads of technical units.

A start has been made on developing a regional assistance strategy (RAS) which will capture the key regional priorities of the NS coupled with the global priorities agreed within the Federation; this will translate into strategic guidance for the regional delegation and the networks it supports.

Deficit management.

One of the priorities for the second half of 2001 has been to exercise greater financial responsibility for over spending, particularly on deficit accounts. Management time has been spent on ensuring that the in-country finance officers work closely with the regional finance unit and the relevant finance staff in Geneva to provide the HODs with the necessary analysis to better manage their budgets. This has resulted in much tighter deficit control than in the past.

Action Research.

In many ways action-research has now been subsumed into the normal work of the regional team with many of the concepts it highlighted now becoming the normal way of doing business. A visit in September from the Geneva-based AR co-ordinator further emphasized this.

CAS.

The process of developing co-ordination agreement strategies (formerly called country assistance strategies) continues across the region in Cambodia, Lao and Vietnam. Both Cambodia and Lao hope to be able to deliver full agreed CAS by the end of 2001. In Vietnam the process has slowed to allow the new leadership of the Vietnam Red Cross to take more ownership of the process.

Constraints

The key constraint is matching a traditional geographic based line management system with the growing demand for regional programmes and quality control by sector. This means making much more use of a matrix style management approach where by all programme managers and staff have both line management responsibilities and responsibilities to specific sector managers for the professional quality of their work.

A further constraint is the expected deficit on this programme which based on current projections will take effect in early November.

Objective 3

To provide an effective accounting and financial processing and advisory service for all country delegations in the Asia Pacific region.

Activities & Achievements

Due to time constraints and workload, no information is available for this quarter; a full report on this objective will be submitted in the next Programme Update.

Constraints

None reported.

Federation Delegation

The delegation presently consists of seven internationally hired staff (delegates), seven regionally hired staff and thirteen locally hired staff stationed in either Bangkok or Kuala Lumpur, with one team member presently out-sourced to Hanoi.

It is becoming clear though that acting as a regional hub and not just as an independent delegation, has implications for both our management structure and staffing levels on the support side. We hope to be able to address the shortcomings of the present structure within the framework of the appeal for 2002.

Monitoring & Evaluation

With the major changes in work practice and reporting lines during this quarter, monitoring has been problematic. The hope is that with the full implementation of the Federation's new performance and development review system - which requires the setting of annual work-plan objectives and a rigorous twice a year evaluation - will allow a more effective system to monitor and evaluate management activities in 2002.

Lessons Learned

This is the first quarter in which the regional delegation has tried to provide management support and leadership to the country delegations - management at a distance; it has been learnt that this requires a tailored mix of tools. Whilst quarterly team meetings, where all the HODs and senior regional staff come together, are now taking place, these are not enough. Additionally a system of weekly formal

information sharing (a 'Friday letter' from the HORD to all HODs and senior regional staff) is used to keep every one informed of regional issues, key messages from Geneva and key issues coming up from the country programmes. Each HOD also provides a weekly management report to the HORD. In addition the HORD commits to having a phone conversation with each HOD at least once a week. Inevitably what is being found is that this basic system of information sharing needs to be tailored to each individual and that HORD's job is increasingly becoming that of a manager.

Deficit management is now becoming a reality for all regional and country delegations. Three lessons have been observed. Firstly, there is a need to ensure that all programme managers assume the responsibility to also manage the balance between spending and funding. In the past this task has largely fallen on the HODs and finance delegates. Secondly, if programme managers are to be responsible there is a need to increase the flow of financial information to them and increase their access to on-line financial management tools that presently exist. Thirdly, there is a need to think about deficit management before crisis hits. For instance, if a programme runs short of funds this may imply withdrawing salary support from the national society or pulling out of promised joint work with another agency; partners must understand that an appeal and an approved budget are not the same as cash in the bank. It also implies that we will in future need to make more use of budget revisions to better balance necessary spending with likely fund raising.

A final lesson in the quarter has been the importance of sharing greater information with partners and donors concerning the type and level of support provided by other partners. This has helped partners see the full financial picture, to attempt to better match resources to needs (especially where funding gaps exist) and to engage and discuss with partners who support similar programme areas. Information concerning the 2002 funding plans have been shared with all major PNS and is available on request from the Bangkok delegation.

Financial Update (see attached annex)

During this period, the following information concerning the disaster preparedness programme should be noted:

There has been slight under-spending at the end of the reporting period and there will be a projected significant under-spend by the end of the year. The reason is that a number of activities will not be initiated as planned due to lack of staff (only 2 of 5 required staff available). This means that pending discussions with key donors, an amount of CHF 135,000 may be carried forward to 2002.

Outstanding needs

Funding shortfalls for 2001 relate largely to the following regional programmes:

- Information (90% funded).
- Regional Co-operation (80% funded).
- Co-ordination and Management (67% funded).

Given that the latter two programmes largely provide a service function to NS and delegations, there is actually very little margin (i.e. activities cannot be canceled or postponed) for making any savings on the budgets. Funds are urgently needed for these programmes in 2001.

In relation to the regional DP programme, the main outstanding need is to get funding pledged for the 2002 programme. This will enable the recruitment of the necessary staff as currently only two out of the five required staff are in position.

Conclusion

The third quarter of 2001 has seen real progress in changing the way the Secretariat does business in Southeast Asia. The team approach of pulling the country delegations closer to the regional delegation

and providing more in-region professional support for technical delegates in the field is resulting in a better quality of service to National Societies. The appeals for 2002 have all, for the first time, been processed within the region resulting in a much higher quality of documentation being available to next years prospective donors.

In disaster preparedness real progress has been made in building supportive regional networks between Societies and delegations. Similar progress can be seen in the organisational development area and in information sharing. In health, programming for HIV/AIDS is becoming higher profile and will continue to move in this direction over the next quarter.

In the third quarter of 2001 we expect to make further progress on building the regional team and, most critically, on working with the regional grouping of Secretary Generals to begin the task of formulating a true strategy for the region so that all of our work can be better focussed on the priorities of S2010.

Plans for the next quarter

The following represents an outline of the key plans for the next quarter:

Disaster Management

- ✓ Participation in Mekong River Commission consultative strategy workshop, in Phnom Penh, on Flood Management & Mitigation in the lower Mekong river basin
- ✓ Performance Management Training, 2 days in Bangkok
- ✓ Discussions in Yangon with Myanmar Delegation and Red Cross on DP support and cooperation
- ✓ Continued development work both with regard to the Regional DM Programme and Unit and the Regional DM Co-operation Framework
- ✓ Participation in Logistics Workshop in Indonesia, organized by IFRC/ICRC/PMI, and simultaneously discussing regional logistics matters
- ✓ Visit Vietnam for DP/DM discussions with VNRC and the Delegation
- ✓ 4th Regional DM Team Meeting, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- ✓ 2nd Regional DM Co-operation Meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam, organized by the Regional DM Unit
- ✓ Participation in the Regional DM Practitioners Meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam, organized by VNRC, the Vietnam Delegation and ADPC
- ✓ PNS meeting in Jakarta for discussions on future DP support to PMI
- ✓ Participation in Health Emergency Workshop in Manila, organized by the Regional Health Unit
- ✓ Global DP Delegate meeting in Geneva
- ✓ DM Training Workshop for staff of Myanmar RC, arranged by the Regional DM

Humanitarian Values

- ✓ Develop work plans and strategies for 2002 to enable the implementation of the 2002/2003 programmes.
- ✓ Regional balloons project on World AIDS Day in co-operation with the regional health unit and regional communications network.
- ✓ Continue buildup of regional communications network.
- ✓ Develop synopsis for regional public service announcement.
- ✓ Develop synopsis for regional video on volunteers.
- ✓ Continue work with Vietnam Red Cross on restructuring of communications department.
- ✓ Communications workshop in DPRK.

Health

- ✓ *Health in Emergencies*: The compilation of resource materials, tools and software's on emergency health and related areas into an emergency health information package. Also the mapping of skills, resources and capacities, as well as of vulnerabilities.

- ✓ *First Aid:* Meeting of incumbent members of the working committee on FA to discuss the future of the programme in the region.
- ✓ *Water and Sanitation:* Establishment of the regional water and sanitation advocacy group and a paper review of the human resources in the NSs of watsan personnel.
- ✓ *HISS:* Planning for the regional health trends workshop.
- ✓ *HIV/AIDS:* Conduct the regional comic strip competition.
- ✓ *Blood:* Review of terms of reference of two models of regional co-operation in blood jointly with National Societies.

Organisational Development

- ✓ Support regional secretary generals meeting and follow-up
- ✓ Support NS teams at the General Assembly and council of delegates.
- ✓ Initiate work on a regional strategy
- ✓ Support NS at the Chiang Mai international conference on home care for HIV/AIDS sufferers
- ✓ Implement the Federation's new performance management system.
- ✓ Ensure all staff develop specific performance objectives for 2002
- ✓ Plan for possible office move to larger premises

Regional Co-operation

- ✓ Supporting the Jakarta based meeting of PMI, ICRC, Federation and key PNS.
- ✓ Re-launching the website for the coming partnership meeting.
- ✓ Producing the first newsletter for Southeast Asia.
- ✓ Facilitating visits of a number of PNS; meetings are planned with DFID and SIDA in Bangkok.
- ✓ Working with the information unit to package and 'market' the 2002 annual appeals.
- ✓ Participating in the global reporting working group.

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South East Asia Regional Programmes						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.40/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED				28.11.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				3'380'971		73.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
SECRETARIAT PROG SUPPORT				466'316		
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID GRANT)						
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID GRANT)				525'000	03.02.01	PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2001
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID GRANT)				43'000	03.02.2001	REGIONAL COOPERATION
BRITISH - RC		40'000	GBP	98'400	15.04.01	DHORD SALARY
CHINESE - RC		20'000	USD	32'330	02.10.2001	
JAPANESE - RC						
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC				500'000	NOK	95'033
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC				95'033	01.08.2001	HIV/AIDS - ART
SWEDISH - RC		300'000	SEK	52'110	07.03.01	HEALTH
SWEDISH - RC		83'750	SEK	14'547	07.03.01	INSTITUTIONAL & RESOURCE DEV.
SWEDISH - RC		125'000	SEK	21'713	07.03.01	HUMANITARIAN VALUES
SWEDISH - RC		75'000	SEK	13'028	07.03.01	REGIONAL COOPERATION
SWEDISH - RC		28'750	SEK	4'994	07.03.01	COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		900'000	SEK	151'650	21.05.2001	HEALTH
SWEDISH - GOVT		251'250	SEK	42'336	21.05.2001	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		375'000	SEK	63'188	21.05.2001	HUMANITARIAN VALUES
SWEDISH - GOVT		425'000	SEK	71'613	21.05.2001	REGIONAL COOPERATION
SWEDISH - GOVT		86'250	SEK	14'654	21.05.2001	COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		337'500	SEK	56'869	21.05.2001	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH						
				2'055'439	CHF	60.8%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Austria	Delegate(s)			59'959		
Iceland	Delegate(s)			59'959		
Great Britain	Delegate(s)			115'646		
Sweden	Delegate(s)			59'959		
Japan RC	Staff on loan			60'000		EE
Australia RC	Staff on loan			60'000		EE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES						
				415'523	CHF	12.3%