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“At a Glance”

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Update: The delegation continued to provide support for the relief operations in Belize, Jamaica and Cuba to assist vulnerable families in the wake of hurricanes Iris and Michelle which struck in late 2001. In order to increase support to the Haitian National Red Cross Society, in March a Federation delegate was assigned for a prolonged mission in Haiti. Based on a five-year HIV/AIDS strategic framework for the region, eleven national societies and overseas branches developed HIV/AIDS country projects, of which four have been granted funding from UNICEF. Considerable progress was achieved in the drawing up of national development plans of both the Haitian and Cuban Red Cross Societies, and a communications training workshop was held in February for staff of the Cuban Red Cross. During the quarter, a Federation office was established in Trinidad to enhance work with National Societies and overseas branches in the eastern Caribbean: it is intended that during 2002, the regional delegation in Santo Domingo will gradually be reduced in size.

Operational Developments:

The first three months of 2002 saw few significant economic and social developments in the Caribbean region. The aftermath of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States affected the Caribbean in an unforeseen way with the arrival of several hundred Taliban and Al-Qaeda prisoners at the US military facility at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. In Haiti, tensions between the government and the opposition remained high, following an abortive coup attempt in December 2001, and political life in Trinidad and Tobago continued to be stalemated following an indecisive election during the same month. The HIV/AIDS pandemic continued to take its toll in the region. Forecasters predicted a return of the El Niño meteorological phenomenon, and a 2002 hurricane season involving sixteen major tropical storms, with eight of them developing into hurricanes.

Disaster Response

During the reporting period, the regional delegation for the Caribbean, based in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, remained involved in programmes run by three National Societies (NSs): Jamaica, Belize, and Cuba - to provide relief to affected persons in the aftermath of hurricanes Iris and Michelle, which struck the region in October and November 2001 respectively.

In Belize, where hurricane Iris caused extensive damage on 8 October 2001, a Federation programme coordinator worked with the NS in the final phases of a three-month operation providing food and non-food relief to 820 families in 14 of the worst-hit villages in Toledo district, in the south of the country. Although the Federation's presence in Belize ended in early March 2002, the NS continues to implement water and sanitation and house reconstruction projects in the areas affected by the hurricane, with all activities expected to be finished by May 2002.

After causing severe damage in Jamaica, hurricane Michelle, a category 4 storm, hit the coast of Cuba on 4 November 2001, causing extensive damage to housing, health and educational establishments, communications, utilities and crops. With the logistical support of the regional logistics unit (RLU) of the Federation's Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) based in Panama, the regional delegation is funding the reconstruction by the Cuban Red Cross of over 600 houses in four of the worst-affected provinces: Cienfuegos, Villa Clara, Sancti Spiritus and Ciego de Avila. In addition, funds will be used to provide relief items, first aid kits, and search and rescue equipment for emergency teams, to replace items used during the hurricane Michelle response, and for preparedness in the event of future disasters. The Jamaican Red Cross, meanwhile, with the support of the delegation, is running a relief operation for 87 families affected by floods associated with hurricane Michelle, with the provision of basic food supplies and temporary shelter materials.

Disaster Preparedness

Objective 1: By mid-2002, to develop a fifteen person regional intervention team (RIT) capable of responding to disasters throughout the Caribbean, and to sustain a regional disaster management training module at a Caribbean academic institution.

During the reporting period, preparations continued for a RIT training workshop, which is now scheduled to take place in Antigua from 27 to 31 May 2002. Invitations were sent out to NSs in the region providing them with the profile of potential participants and asking them to proceed with the selection process. The delegation's disaster preparedness (DP) delegates have been working closely with PADRU to define the curriculum, develop training manuals and select facilitators. PADRU drafted protocols for the implementation of the RIT concept; these are currently under review by the regional delegations in South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

The Clarence Fitzroy Bryan College, in collaboration with the St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society, will be implementing a series of community disaster preparedness workshops in six communities during 2002. These workshops are scheduled to commence in April.

Objective 2: Throughout the period covered by this appeal, to enhance the response capacity of national societies and overseas branches through the provision and secure stockage of basic relief items and equipment.

During 2002, two NSs, Cuba and Haiti, will receive shipping containers of relief items for pre-positioning in disaster-prone areas of their countries. Both National Societies have determined the quantity and type of items they would like to receive. Based on communications with the donor, the Japanese Red Cross Society, a budget for the purchase, shipping and logistics training has been defined. The purchase requisition will be finalized in the near future in close consultation with PADRU. The estimated date for placement of the containers is late June. Logistics training will take place with personnel from the two National Societies in June or July.

Objective 3: By the end of 2002, to have maintained support for community-based disaster preparedness (CBDP) activities in at least six countries, including Cuba and Haiti; by the same period, to have assisted four national societies to develop and implement cost-effective, community-level disaster mitigation projects.

A grant agreement with the donor, ECHO, was signed on 15 February 2002, covering a one-year CBDP programme to be implemented at community level in the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, and St. Kitts and Nevis. The objective of this programme is to execute mitigation measures to reduce losses due to flooding. A draft of a Memorandum of Understanding with each NS has been produced and budget and activity planning are in progress. Meetings with each of the NSs involved are planned for the month of April, in order to familiarize them with changes in ECHO procedures and reporting requirements.

The Haitian National Red Cross Society is being supported in CBDP by the French and Netherlands Red Cross Society bilateral programmes with funding from DIPECHO. The regional delegation continues to move forward as regards the procurement of radio equipment to improve coverage and quality of communications between the headquarters and branches of the NS in Haiti. In late March a Federation delegate arrived for a prolonged mission in Haiti, the first time the Federation has had an in-country presence there for several years. One of the tasks of this delegate will be to coordinate with the bilateral NSs involved in DP activities in Haiti, and to identify further DP needs in close consultation with the Haitian National Red Cross Society.

In Cuba, the Federation is contributing to local-level disaster preparedness through the provision of relief materials and rescue equipment under the Japanese Red Cross Society container programme and in the context of the hurricane Michelle operation (see disaster response, above).

Humanitarian Values

Objective 1: By mid-2002, to revitalize region-wide communications tools, and utilize them to raise the profile of the Red Cross in the Caribbean, and to promote basic humanitarian values and the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, with active inputs from national societies and overseas branches.

During the reporting period, two email news updates were sent from the regional delegation to all NSs and overseas branches with information on latest developments in regional programmes. In cooperation with the Guatemala regional delegation, work to establish a regional Caribbean website was started, with the launch scheduled for early May. In the meantime, news and information from the Caribbean region has been included in the Spanish-language website maintained by the Guatemala regional delegation.

Objective 2: By the end of 2002, to ensure the utilization by the Red Cross in the Caribbean of standardized basic materials on the Fundamental Principles and basic humanitarian values, and to facilitate the effective propagation region-wide of a common Movement message.

Standardized publicity material on the Fundamental Principles was provided to Caribbean NSs and overseas branches for use in dissemination activities. Technical advice has also been provided. In early March, a harmonization meeting with ICRC delegates was held in Panama, resulting in agreement to cooperate on information activities during the course of the year. A proposed joint Federation/ICRC dissemination and information meeting, scheduled to be held in Trinidad in late April, was postponed until later in the year.

Objective 3: By the end of 2002, to ensure that all Red Cross entities in the region are aware of the Federation's commitment to advocacy on behalf of vulnerable groups and are capable of incorporating such activities in their ongoing plans and programmes.

Ongoing guidance to NSs and overseas branches on advocacy techniques and mechanisms has been provided through the website and the two news updates. A special concentration on advocacy in the context of the Federation's global anti-stigma campaign concerning HIV/AIDS will take place in April 2002, in the lead up to the 8 May launch.

Objective 4: By the end of 2003, to have provided training, technical advice, and other inputs to at least four National Societies in the region with a view to creating or enhancing sustainable and well-functioning specialized information or communications departments in these national societies.

In February, the regional delegation provided resource persons for a communication training workshop for the Cuban Red Cross (CRC) and the media, which was attended by over twenty persons, including fourteen from

the CRC. A mission to Haiti by the Federation's regional information delegate, with a view to enhancing the Haitian National Red Cross Society's information policy, is scheduled for May 2002.

Health and Care

Objective 1: Throughout the two-year period covered by the present appeal to develop and enhance Red Cross involvement in activities related to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the realms of prevention, care and support and advocacy.

Planning continued for a joint Federation/UNAIDS inter-agency youth meeting on HIV/AIDS, which is scheduled to take place in the Dominican Republic in April 2002. Representatives of 16 Caribbean NSs, as well as Federation regional delegates, representatives of the American, Canadian and Netherlands Red Cross Societies and of 46 Caribbean youth organizations will attend this meeting, which it is hoped will give a new impetus and profile to the Red Cross in the Caribbean in mobilizing young people to confront the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The "Together We Can" HIV/AIDS peer education activity kit and handbook, developed in the region in 2001, are in the process of being translated from English to Spanish. HIV/AIDS information materials are being produced for distribution to NSs in the region.

The regional health delegate participated in two missions to Guyana to further the development of an HIV/AIDS/STD and TB project supported by the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) and the Canadian Red Cross. In the Dominican Republic, the NS, with support from the regional delegation, presented the first draft of the Red Cross HIV/AIDS country programme for submission to the Presidential Commission on HIV/AIDS (COPRESIDA).

Objective 2: To integrate five additional national societies, including British and Netherlands Red Cross branches into the Red Cross Caribbean AIDS Network (CARAN), and increase cooperation between the Red Cross and other major organizations within the region, thereby strengthening the overall capacity of the network.

Peer education training and follow-up activities on HIV/AIDS issues were carried out in British Red Cross overseas branches in Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands. The regional delegation contributed with input to the evaluation of a bilateral Netherlands Red Cross (NRC) HIV/AIDS programme operational in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and NRC overseas chapters in the region. Based on a five-year HIV/AIDS strategic framework for the region, eleven national societies and overseas branches developed HIV/AIDS country projects. UNICEF is supporting four of these projects in the British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Montserrat and, in the near future, Guyana.

During this period, the Federation developed a stronger partnership with the UNAIDS regional office based in Trinidad and Tobago, in the context of preparing the regional meeting mentioned under objective 1, above. The CARAN meeting which is to take place in the Dominican Republic in April 2002 will be the opportunity for the network to strengthen links not only with UNAIDS, but with other organizations active in the region such as UNICEF and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Objective 3: To increase the capacity of the regional delegation and national societies, at the regional and country levels, to implement community-based first aid (CBFA) and water and sanitation activities in target countries and in line with Strategy 2010.

The regional health delegate, together with Federation Secretariat staff, attended a coordination meeting in Washington DC, with the Pan American Health Organization. The main potential areas of future collaboration are health and care at the community level (IMCI) - in coordination with the American Red Cross, water and sanitation, psychological support, and HIV/AIDS projects, including mobilization of Red Cross volunteers for safe blood donation. During the reporting period, the American Red Cross received the assistance of the regional delegation in determining wheelchair needs amongst Caribbean NSs, in response to an offer of several thousands of these appliances from a donor.

The regional health delegate participated as a facilitator and resource person in a first aid in the community training course in Barima, northwest Guyana. Following the visit by the regional health delegate to the National Society, the main areas of collaboration between the Guyana Red Cross Society and the regional delegation have been identified: community participation methodologies, health education (first aid in the community), and HIV/AIDS peer education training.

Institutional and Resource Development

Objective 1: By the end of 2003, 10 among 16 NSs and 4 overseas branches will develop and implement quality programmes and projects according to their National Development Plan.

During the reporting period, the regional delegation assisted several NSs in the region in furthering their strategic planning process. In addition to specific interventions in Cuba and Haiti (see objectives 5 and 6, below, respectively), regional delegates worked with the leadership and staff of the National Red Cross Societies in Barbados, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago, to continue National Development Plan (NDP) preparation. In most instances, this was accompanied by advice and technical inputs on issues of statutory amendment and governance. In January 2002, the regional delegation conducted a two-day training seminar for the Barbados Red Cross Society covering the Principles of the Movement and the strategic planning process, and in the same month a half-day meeting (and subsequent technical advice) with the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society covered the same ground, particularly in the context of the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer for the NS. All six overseas branches of the British Red Cross (BRCS) in the Caribbean submitted their plans for 2002 to BRCS headquarters for approval and possible funding support.

Objective 2: Before the end of 2003, to contribute to the maintenance of the integrity and smooth functioning of the Caribbean national societies by increasing the level of knowledge of at least 30% of the governing board members of each national society about the Movement as a whole and their own specific responsibilities.

In the Dominican Republic, the Federation's regional organizational development (OD) delegate participated in meetings of the electoral commission charged with preparing future elections in the NS, which has been under the management of an interim commission since 2000; advice on statutory and constitutional issues was provided. The regional delegation also provided input on governance issues and Movement principles to the NSs in Barbados, Guyana, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago and St. Kitts and Nevis.

Objective 3: To revitalize and build the sustainable capacity of the youth departments of nine national societies and of three British Red Cross overseas branches by the end of 2003.

In Haiti, activities and funding for the revitalization of the NS youth department were included in a proposal submitted to the Federation's Capacity Building Fund (CBF); a response is expected in May 2002. If successful, the proposal will provide for the salary for a full-time youth coordinator at the headquarters level of the NS, field visits to branches, and the representation of youth in the governing body of the NS. To further promote youth work in Haiti, the draft Caribbean Youth Policy will be translated into French and submitted to the NS for review and consultation. Modalities of integrating this into the volunteers' recruitment policy and translating it into practical activities will be reviewed. The results of a youth leadership seminar held in Haiti in November 2001 will be fully incorporated in the National Development Plan currently being drafted by the NS with assistance from the regional delegation. Young people were included during the regional NDP seminars held in Jacmel in January, and in Cap Haitien in February 2002.

As for the British Red Cross overseas branches, the Turks and Caicos Islands branch submitted to its national headquarters plans which include the development of a youth programme, mainly by introducing peer education activities on the islands. The Montserrat and British Virgin Islands branches are implementing similar programmes, which started in late 2001.

Objective 4: To promote, by the end of 2003, the capacity of selected national societies to raise funds at national level.

During the reporting period, the regional delegation prepared the draft package for a Hotel and Tourism Safety Programme (H&TSP), designed to generate income for NSs from fees charged to commercial organizations for training and courses in disaster preparedness and first aid. The scheme will be presented to three NSs as a pilot project before mid-2002.

In Haiti, activities related the promotion of fund-raising at the national level have been integrated into the application submitted to the Capacity Building Fund (see objective 6, below). In addition, the leadership of the Haitian National Red Cross Society has undertaken the formation of womens' support committees both at headquarters and branch level. Among the first sub-committees to be established, one will be specifically in charge of raising funds for the National Society.

Objective 5: To reinforce, by the end of 2003, the capacity of the Cuban Red Cross provincial and municipal branches to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in Cuba, and to enhance the Cuban Red Cross's public image as an independent institution.

Following a mission to Cuba by the regional organizational delegate (OD) in January 2002, a proposal was submitted to the Federation's Capacity Building Fund to provide support to the Cuban Red Cross throughout 2002 in the areas of branch development, information and communications, and the preparation of a National Development Plan. In February 2002 a consultant hired by the regional delegation worked with the CRC to advance the NDP process, resulting in an initial draft being prepared by the end of the month. The draft plan is closely aligned to the Federation's *Strategy 2010*; however, further work is necessary. This will be facilitated by the regional organizational development delegate, and three workshops are planned for June 2002 in the western, central, and eastern regions of the country to commence the implementation of the plan at provincial and municipal level.

In the meantime, the regional information delegate facilitated a workshop in February 2002 providing communications training for fourteen CRC personnel, designed to enhance the efficiency of external communication by NS representatives, strengthen communications between branches and the CRC headquarters, and raise the NS's presence in the media and its image with the public. This initiative builds on the positive public image which the CRC has gained through its effective response (with Federation and bilateral assistance) to the devastation caused by hurricane Michelle in late 2001.

In the area of branch development, twenty volunteers from three provincial branches (Sancti Spiritus, Ciego de Avila, and Cienfuegos) have begun the refurbishment of branch offices. In addition, during the first three months of 2002, a total of 22 leaders from 14 CRC provincial and municipal branches received training in the origins and Principles of the Movement, the incidence and typology of Caribbean disasters, the norms and procedures for re-establishment of family contacts during and after natural disasters, and the overall activities of the NS. Training of CRC personnel in water safety and disaster preparedness also took place during the reporting period.

Objective 6: To strengthen the capacity of the Haitian National Red Cross Society (HNRCS) to assist the vulnerable in Haiti.

The Federation deployed an organizational development delegate to Haiti in March 2002 - the first time that a Federation delegate has been based there since 1998. The delegate is tasked to assist the Haitian National Red Cross Society on a wide range of organizational development and governance issues, and is currently mainly involved in helping the NS elaborate a National Development Plan. Consultation of the HNRCS membership with regard to this process, which began with a series of regional workshops in late 2001, will be completed by July 2002, and a draft NDP should be ready by August 2002. The NDP will then need to be endorsed by the HNRCS General Assembly, and, finally, it is anticipated that a Partnership Meeting will be organized in Haiti in early 2003 to promote the NDP and solicit support for its implementation.

In order to support OD activities in Haiti, a proposal has been submitted to the Federation's Capacity Building Fund (CBF); a decision is expected in May 2002. In the meantime, the Federation OD delegate in Haiti is providing support to various events organized by the HNRCS. He has also established coordination with government agencies, UNDP, relevant NGOs, PNS running bilateral programmes, and the HNRCS to ensure preparedness for the 2002 hurricane season. Finally, coordination with bilateral programmes currently operational in Haiti is emerging in relation to disaster preparedness, security, and policy for future programmes (especially with a view to exploring the overall impact of such programming on NS capacities). A policy document on coordination of bilateral programmes, based on collaborative work involving the Federation, bilateral PNS, and the HNRCS, will be developed by September 2002. Acting on the request of the HNRCS, the Federation will submit a review and recommendations on current administrative procedures and systems by June 2002.

For details of Federation support to the HNRCS on youth and resource development issues, see objectives 3 and 4, above.

Regional Cooperation

Objective 1: To maintain the momentum established by the process of Regional Assistance Strategy (RAS) development during 2001, and to ensure that all Movement stakeholders in the region are involved in the review and further refinement of Federation strategies.

During the reporting period the regional delegation maintained contact with the leadership of the Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross (CCORC), with a view to organizing a meeting of the combined regional delegation/CCORC/RAS monitoring group in mid-2002, as a follow-up to the first such meeting, which was held in Geneva in November 2001. Participation in this meeting was discussed with the ICRC during a joint Federation/ICRC harmonization meeting in Panama in March 2002. The delegation also facilitated the attendance of Caribbean representatives at a meeting of the Comité Regional Interamericano (CORI), in preparation for the next Inter-Americas Regional Conference in April 2003.

Objective 2: By the end of 2002, to have achieved a perceptible strengthening of the CCORC, to permit it to play a more proactive role in fostering regional cooperation amongst the various elements of the Movement.

With the establishment of a Federation office in Trinidad during the first quarter of 2002, the regional delegation was positioned to provide closer support to the CCORC, whose presidency currently resides in Barbados (also in the Eastern Caribbean). The Trinidad-based regional branch development delegate remained in close contact with the CCORC leadership, and the second quarter of 2002 should see the Federation providing administrative support to the organization from the Trinidad office.

Objective 3: Throughout the period to the end of 2003, to further promote the integration of Red Cross overseas branches in the Caribbean into regional consultative mechanisms and programmes.

Throughout the first three months of 2002, the regional delegation ensured overseas branch participation in various aspects of regional programming - see sectoral information, above. A meeting of all British Red Cross overseas branches in the region, facilitated by the regional delegation, is scheduled to take place in Antigua and Barbuda in late May. Throughout the reporting period, the delegation maintained the presence in the region of a delegate dedicated to working with the overseas branches.

Objective 4: By the end of 2002, to have revitalized the programme for the regional recruitment of delegates; by the end of 2003, to have identified and trained up to ten delegates from the region for deployment in Federation missions, in the region and elsewhere.

During the first three months of the year the regional delegation was actively engaged in seeking funding for the holding of a Basic Training Course (BTC) in the region. By late March a potential source of funds had been identified, and it is now planned to hold the BTC in either Trinidad or the Dominican Republic in the second half of 2002.

Coordination and Management

Objective 1: By mid-2002, to ensure that the RAS process is established as the guiding principle of Federation programming in the region, and that steady progress is being made in carrying the strategic planning mechanism down to country level.

Regional delegation planning and programming continued to be based on the RAS during the first three months of 2002. At the country level, as mentioned in the section on organizational development, above, the process of producing National Development Plans was furthered with Federation support in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, while the regional delegation also provided technical advice and training inputs to the strategic planning process in Barbados, St.Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad.

Objective 2: To strengthen coordination between the regional delegation and other Movement agencies in the region, including the Guatemala regional delegation, PADRU, bilateral programmes, and the ICRC.

The regional delegation strengthened links with PADRU during the reporting period. The PADRU regional logistics unit (RLU) was requested by the delegation to undertake procurement of relief supplies, radios, and other material for the NSs in Cuba and Haiti. Caribbean regional DP delegates held a coordination meeting with PADRU personnel in March 2002, as a result of which PADRU and the regional delegation will cooperate in the training of a Caribbean regional intervention team (RIT) in May 2002. The Caribbean regional delegation continued to liaise closely with the regional finance unit (RFU) in Guatemala. A meeting of all Federation delegates in the Americas took place in Panama in March 2002, at which modalities of cooperation were laid out; this was immediately followed by a successful harmonization meeting between Federation delegates and ICRC personnel in the region. From its new office in Trinidad, the delegation is working closely with the ICRC staff also based in that country. In the Dominican Republic, the delegation continues to cooperate closely with Netherlands, Spanish, and American Red Cross bilateral programmes, in some instances providing administrative support. In Haiti, the newly-arrived Federation organizational development delegate is liaising on a daily basis with the Netherlands Red Cross and the French Red Cross bilateral representatives.

Objective 3: By mid-2002, reduction and rationalization of the regional delegation to ensure efficient and effective support to all national societies and overseas branches, wherever located in the Caribbean region.

In February 2002, the head of regional delegation participated in a Secretariat workshop on effective service delivery to NSs in the regions; the outcome of this meeting was shared with selected NSs and all Federation delegates in the region during March. Simultaneously, the Federation opened an office in Trinidad to serve the English-speaking Caribbean NSs, and the overseas branches, and deployed a delegate to Haiti for the first time in four years. The Trinidad office will be further strengthened during the second quarter of 2002, while the present regional delegation in Santo Domingo is gradually reduced in size.

Objective 4: By the end of 2002 at the latest, implementation of efficient and transparent planning, management, and reporting systems at the regional delegation, in conformity with standard Federation procedures.

During the first quarter of 2002 the regional delegation reviewed all outstanding projects with a view to closing those which are no longer active. It also committed itself to reaching 90% compliance with Federation reporting norms by the end of the year. Financial management systems have also been streamlined, a task that will continue until the end of 2002.

Outstanding needs

Although response to the appeal for 2002-2003 has been promising certain key areas, such as organizational development and promotion of humanitarian values, remain under funded, and this poses a threat to the restructuring of the delegation to increase its service to both Haiti, the English-speaking national societies, and overseas branches. This will become a critical limiting factor for the regional delegation unless additional resources are identified by mid-2002.

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