

Mid-Year report



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Simulation exercises to strengthen disaster response teams volunteers capacities, river crossing. Photo by Armenian Red Cross Society

In brief

Programme outcome:

The National Society programmes are aligned with the strategic aims of the Strategy 2020 to save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises; enable healthy and safe living; and promote social inclusion and culture of non-violence and peace. The capacity-building efforts are in line with the enabling action one to build strong National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Programme(s) summary:

The programs implemented by the National Society are in line with the strategic priorities and annual plan of Armenian Red Cross Society (ARCS) and directed at the disaster risk reduction, health and care and resource mobilization activities.

Disaster Management: increasing awareness of vulnerabilities among individuals, communities and institutions, and reducing negative impacts of disasters on their livelihoods. Equipped with improved knowledge and skills related to emergencies, the communities enhance their capacities in terms of tackling challenges emanating from disaster-prone environments.

There are two major directions:

- Raising awareness and preparedness level of targeted groups, enabling them to better cope with disasters;
- Strengthening disaster response structures through training sessions for volunteer-based rapid response teams

Health and Care: Psychosocial care for older refugees is provided by youth volunteers. The volunteers visit the older people and provide them with psychological support, help with the household and organize social events, such as visits to the places of interest, their birthday celebrations etc. The program also includes material assistance, including distribution of hygienic

items and food parcels. Training sessions are organized to provide skills and prepare the youth volunteers for visits to dormitories (collective centres for refugees) and challenges they might face while working with the target groups.

Resource Mobilization: The Armenian Red Cross prioritizes the issue of reaching greater independence from external donors which would secure greater stability and sustainability in carrying out work for the targeted vulnerable groups. To reach the goal the National Society directs its efforts towards development of fund raising for the Armenian Red Cross; capacity building of the Armenian Red Cross.

Financial situation: The total 2011 budget is about CHF 270,652 of which CHF 179,339 66 per cent covered during the reporting period (including opening balance). Overall expenditure during the reporting period was CHF 74,520 (27 per cent) of the budget.

[Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

No. of people we have reached:

Programme/project	Target group	Number of people reached
Disaster management	schoolchildren, teachers, volunteers, community members	4,300
Health and Care		6,215
Social welfare	elderly refugees, lonely elderly, children living in dormitories coming from refugee families, volunteers	640
HIV and AIDS	IDUs, schoolchildren, young people	1426 – directly 200,000 – indirectly, through public events ¹
Resource Mobilisation	volunteers and RB/TB Chairmen	270
Total:		397,299

Our partners:

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Norwegian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, IFRC Climate Change Center; number of international organisations such as: Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), GTZ, DIPECHO, “World Vision” Armenia, Caritas, OXFAM GB, UN agencies, MSF, Global Fund, Mission East Elly Lily and Company, American Peace Corps; Armenian authorities: Armenian Rescue Service, National Survey for Seismic Protection, Crisis Management State Academy, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, National Statistical Service, National Tuberculosis Program agency, Shirak regional Rescue Service, “LORE” rescue team NGO. A long-lasting cooperation has been established with the leading mobile operator VivaCell-MTS. A number of partnerships were established with local companies, such as Ashtarak kat, Arzni kat (dairy producing companies), Coca-Cola Hellenic. Armenian Red Cross has also been actively involved in the works of the Network of Volunteer Involving organizations initiated by the United Nations Volunteers.

¹ 2 million subscribers of the leading mobile operator who received bulk SMSs.

Context

More than a decade of dramatic transition affected not only Armenia's socio-economic life, but its institutional structures, economic and even cultural links. Despite reform programmes in Armenia aimed at market economy and democratic political mechanisms, the country has experienced declining access to public and social services. Economic vulnerabilities have been accentuated by the financial crisis and global recession, and the overall economic situation has rapidly deteriorated. The crisis affected Armenia through declining remittances, slowing trade (due to weak external demand and low metal prices). In addition, the on-going blockade related to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, and high rates of emigration threaten social stability and undermine sustainable economic growth.

As a land-locked country with limited natural resources, environmental degradation is another major factor affecting the economy. Weak institutional, administrative, and regulatory mechanisms have resulted in a number of environmental problems including distorted and inefficient exploitation of natural resources, energy instability, extensive air, water and land pollution and inadequate waste disposal systems. Pressures on agricultural lands and forests are likely to grow with the gradual degradation of rural infrastructure, decreasing living standards of rural population, and limited capacity of individual farmers to buy farm inputs. Some of the social challenges are being addressed by the authorities, but at a local level the authorities do not have capacity and resources to meet the needs in the communities across the country.

According to the information provided by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the RA, out of the 500,000 registered older people in Armenia, approximately 50,000 are lonely. Many of them live in extreme poverty, surviving only on the pension provided by the government. Social, medical and psychological assistance, which is inadequate in terms of both quantitative and qualitative criteria, is provided through the social security system to 10,000 of the older people in greatest need out of the 50,000 mentioned above. Social assistance is intrinsic to the services which aim to overcome, or alleviate the difficulties of people living in harsh conditions, as well as to meet their basic needs and help integrate them in to the society.

Situation for the vulnerables remains unfavourable even becoming more critical due to the economic crisis which affected the vulnerable people the most making them more vulnerable and dependant. These are mainly the lonely older people, unemployed, refugees, families with low income, large families the members of which are unemployed. Moreover, the global financial crisis has led to a sharp increase in unemployment in Armenia. There is a high increase in prices which even more burdens the situation of vulnerable.

Progress towards outcomes

Outcome(s)

Disaster Management

Programme component 1: Disaster management planning
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Component outcome 1: The Armenian Red Cross has effective tools for strengthening disaster preparedness and better prepared rapid response teams to respond to disasters operatively.
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Achievements

Within the framework of the Disaster preparedness in schools program funded by the Norwegian Red Cross, 20 volunteers improved their knowledge on disaster management through two days training for instructors organized in National Society Headquarters.

Programme component 2: Community preparedness

Component outcome 1: Effective tools for strengthening disaster preparedness of communities in high risk areas are in place through organizing VCAs and disaster risk reduction activities.²

Component outcome 2: Vulnerability of communities to disasters has been decreased through public awareness and educational campaigns carried out by the National Society.

Achievements

“Building Safer Local Communities in South Caucasus” project funded by DIPECHO

The Federation participates in this project as a Consortium Member, but does not financially support or manage the activities.

- Two day theoretical and practical follow-up trainings titled “Disaster Risk Management Skills” and “Basic Rescue and First Aid” for each of 9 community teams were organized.
- Simulation drills with different scenarios each for three community teams were organized.
- Two Regional Coordination Commission Meetings were organized in Shirak region.
- The Disaster Risk Reduction seminar was organized for the partners of Shirak Regional Coordination Commission and other regional stakeholders.
- Regional meeting titled “RA Disaster Management legislation” took place in Shirak region for the partners of Shirak Regional Coordination Commission and other regional stakeholders.
- A meeting organized by the Armenian Red Cross Society, OXFAM GB Armenia and UNICEF for jointly presenting the mid-term results of the DIPECHO programme.
- Representatives of ARCS took part in DIPECHO regional cooperation meeting which was organized in Georgia.

“Disaster Preparedness in Schools” financed by Norwegian Red Cross

- Approximately 150 teachers and 3400 pupils from 9th and 10th grades of six schools of Vayots Dzor and Armavir regions have improved their knowledge on how to act during emergency situations and earthquake through Evacuation training sessions.
- Six “Children quiz” contests have been conducted with involvement of about 500 pupils which aimed at building children’s knowledge on disasters and their coping mechanisms.

Renovation of Lusarat community school financed by JICA

- Lusarat community school from Ararat region where 150 pupils of middle classes study was successfully renovated due to the Armenian Red Cross advocacy activities that were a result of the Disaster Risk Reduction exercise done at school.

Overall, the implementation of the programme contributed to the knowledge development of National Society volunteers involved in disaster preparedness and response.

The organized public awareness and educational campaigns such as training sessions, quizzes and evacuations helped improve the knowledge of target population, mainly schoolchildren, to be prepared on how to act during disasters thus minimizing their vulnerability towards disasters.

Health and Care

Programme component 1: Social Welfare

Component outcome 1: Capacities of Red Cross staff and volunteers to provide focused and responsive social support to local communities are strengthened.

Component outcome 2: 400 lonely elderly refugees have improved their social conditions and received psychological support.

Component outcome 3: Totally 125 children living in dormitories have received educational

² Not covered by budget.

session from the volunteers and participated in cultural events and their integration process into the society has been supported.

Component outcome 4: Armenian Red Cross branches have mobilized local resources to sustain social services for vulnerable communities.

Achievements

Programme component 1: Outcome 1

The capacities of the program youth volunteers for psycho-social service delivery were developed and improved through the trainings conducted by psychologists, which were organized at the 1st semiannual of the program (during 2011).

Programme component 1: Outcome 2, 3

A significant achievement is the improved provision of services to the vulnerable: Program volunteers have developed and improved their skills for providing psychological support through consultations with psychologists. The consultation meetings were organized by Armenia Red Cross with the psychologists involved in other projects.

Psycho-social services were provided to the beneficiaries according to the activity plan. The youth volunteers paid weekly visits to older refugees and organized educational sessions for vulnerable children with refugee background. The youth volunteers organized number of social events for elderly refugees and vulnerable children, such as evening gatherings, mini concerts, outings to the cultural places of Armenia and visits to the theatres and cinemas. Food parcels were distributed to 400 older refugees.

The sustainability of the project has been notably increased through committed and skilled volunteers, who continue weekly visits and activities for the beneficiaries despite growing financial constraints and do fundraising (in kind) for the events for beneficiaries, such as tickets for cinema and theatre, free entrance to cultural sights, etc.

Psychosocial support has been provided in two regions of Armenia targeting 150 older people living in poor conditions. The beneficiaries have been provided with food and hygiene parcels once per two months. Health related advice and basic medical care have also been provided to them. Small repairs to the houses of the most vulnerable people have been done by the volunteers.

Programme component 1: Outcome 4

Two projects developed for the most vulnerable people of two regional branches (“Social clubs for lonely elderly” in Armavir and “Support to disabled people with spinal cord problems “in Vayots Dzor) were further discussed with the regional branches’ staff and volunteers. Two more projects were developed for Syunik and Aragatsotn regional branches based on their project descriptions and budgets targeting 100 vulnerable people in Syunik and 30 lonely older people in Aragatsotn. The projects are ready to be presented to potential donors.

A Donor meeting was organized in Syunik regional branch with the participation of Syunik Community Administration Head, World Vision Armenia Representatives and business representatives. The participants have discussed the community needs and possible ways of addressing them. A draft program to be implemented by Armenia Red Cross has been formed supported by WV company (in providing clothing and shoes equal to the value of 5780 EURO), business sector representatives (in goods), the Administration head (in financial contribution of 1900 EURO) and ARCS (in financial contribution of 900 CHF). The program will also be presented to other potential donors for more funding.

Programme component 2: HIV/AIDS

Component outcome 1: Further HIV infections have been prevented through peer education and community mobilization.

Component outcome 2: HIV care, treatment, and support are expanded.

Component outcome 3: HIV stigma and discrimination has been reduced among general population.

Component outcome 4: Armenian Red Cross Society capacities to deliver and sustain scaled-up HIV programme are strengthened.

Achievements

Programme component 2: Outcome 1

No funding has been received for the component through the Federation. The activities have been implemented using the funding provided by Global Fund.

A significant achievement was the increased interest in corporate sector towards HIV and AIDS issues and related stigma and discrimination. This was expressed in readiness of the business organizations to cooperate in HIV prevention and anti-stigma events. Another good aspect of the achievement is the development of the phenomenon of participation of different layers of the society in HIV prevention.

Along with other effective tools (television, public events, etc.), Armenia Red Cross has used internet and SMS as assets to reach general population. The methods are innovative and proved to be effective in raising awareness about HIV/AIDS and especially in drawing the attention of general population towards HIV/AIDS related issues. SMS campaigns, both the mass distribution of HIV information on WAD and the activity of sending short SMS as a sign of joining the fight against AIDS, were alarms for the public to give out the necessary attention and importance to the issue. Taking into account the popularity of internet, Armenia Red Cross widely used this asset to reach young people. Online groups were created in such social sites, as facebook, odnoklassniki, which gave place to active discussions and forums. Another effective activity was placing HIV/AIDS information containing flash messages in odnoklassniki.ru social site, reaching more than 300,000 people. These activities will be continued, since the obvious effectiveness and the good working relations established between Armenian Red Cross and mobile operators and other related companies.

An achievement worth mentioning is the active and large-scale participation of celebrities in the programme activities. Celebrities from various styles and fields were involved in the prevention and especially in anti-stigma activities. To reach diverse targets from all the layers of the society folk, jazz, rock and pop performers, designers and social figures, etc. were involved in the programme. Their participation was essential in reaching young people and the anti-HIV messages announced by them had a strong impact on the audience.

Programme component 2: Outcome 3

Within the framework of the Harm Reduction project, the injecting drug users of Vanadzor city, Lori region were targeted. The implementation of the project contributed to reducing the vulnerability of 116 IDUs towards HIV, Hepatitis and other blood borne and sexually transmitted infections through Voluntary Counseling and Testing, legal, social support and psychological counseling.

Programme component 2: Outcome 4

During the HIV program implementation the National Society looked for ways to improve it. Considerable effort was made to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of the program through participation in relevant training sessions and meetings organised by the Federation, developing and putting into action new reporting and data collection forms and creating the electronic database of implemented activities which allows to extract necessary information with ease and within short time period.

To strengthen and to ensure sustainable HIV prevention activities Armenia Red Cross has applied for funding for HIV prevention programs to other donors as well, such as Andorra Red Cross and Coca Cola CJSC.

Programme component 3: TB with focus on MDR-TB³

Component outcome 1: Care, psychosocial support and direct observations are provided to the

³ Not covered by budget.

most vulnerable people affected with MDR-TB thus promoting their treatment and minimizing the consequences of disease, the spread of disease is prevented through community awareness campaigns on TB, MDR-TB and TB/HIV co-infection.

Achievements

Programme component 3: Outcome 1

No funding was secured through the Federation, thus the activities were implemented with bilateral support.

During the reporting period the Stop Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis programme financed by Eli Lilly and Company has been continued. 30 MDR TB patients under the outpatient phase of treatment of Avan, Nor Nork and N19 community polyclinics, Yerevan were targeted. During the program meetings, conferences were organized, information materials were printed and distributed.

Peer educators were trained by the psychologist and prepared among project beneficiaries who conducted support groups during the reporting period to disseminate correct TB information among their peers and provide psychological assistance based on peer-to-peer principle.

On March 24 the ARCS organized already traditional TB awareness campaigns to mark the World TB Day. The campaign was held in one of most busy locations of Yerevan where booths were placed sporting the TB-related slogan. The ARCS staff and volunteers distributed among general public information/education materials on TB and MDR TB, explaining the message of the day, introducing the ARCS activities in the field, and called the population to stop stigma and discrimination towards people with TB.

“Social Support to Patients for State Needs” program

No funding was secured through the Federation, thus the activities were implemented with bilateral support.

In the framework of the programme the organization of educational programmes for TB patients and their family members was realized. TB patients’ social support provision was implemented and **1868** Regular TB patients have been provided with **2789** food and **2789** hygiene parcels which helped increase the treatment adherence and its efficiency. In the framework of Multi-drug resistant TB patient’s Social support activities, **116** Drug resistant TB patients were provided with **846** food and **413** hygiene parcels. Also 102 patients in Dispensary every week were provided with fresh food parcels (530 parcels)

Special consulting groups to increase treatment adherence have been formed and they implemented various knowledge building and awareness raising seminars. Various information materials have been printed and distributed among the MDR TB patients and their family members.

In the framework of Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) activities, nurses’ home visits and patients’ visits to DOT centres were realised. 4863 DOT visits have been realized.

Programme component: Resource Mobilization
Component outcome 1: Armenian Red Cross Society has developed resource mobilization mechanism and tools to ensure continuous activity within the National Society.
Component outcome 2: Armenian Red Cross Society has developed a mechanism and tools for effective communication.
Component outcome 3: Armenian Red Cross Society has sustainable and transparent financial management system.

Achievements

The main achievement of the program was the successful cooperation established and further strengthened with the local organizations (“Ashtarak Kat” CJSC, “Zvartnots” international Airports, Syunik Municipality, Regional Administrations of Vayots Dzor and Armavir, etc.). In partnership with

and with funding of Ashtarak Kat CJSC, the National Society implements healthy lifestyle program with the budget of 15.000USD. During the reporting period ARCS collected about 2.000 USD from the charity boxes placed in Zvartnots International Airport. More concretely, the National Society has been working towards developing skills and tools for raising funds locally and promoting the Red Cross; as well as strengthening contacts with the mass media to ensure a more accurate perception of the National Society and raise its image through dissemination among governmental organizations, local authorities and business representatives.

Significant achievements were also reached at regional level in establishing contacts and communication with local donors. In cooperation with local state authorities, four regional branches have conducted needs assessment and together with local governmental social agencies have defined the most urgent needs and problems in their respective regions. Further small projects were designed by the Armenia Red Cross regional branches and were presented to the local donors during the donor meetings organized by the National Society. A fruitful cooperation has thus started between ARCS Syunik RB, Syunik municipality, World Vision Armenia, and other local business organizations.

There has been a demonstrated increase in interest from other organizations in cooperation and implementation of joint activities, thus realizing projects with American Peace Corps and Armenian Caritas, as well as discussions have taken place with World Vision Armenia, and other NGOs, etc.

Further successful partnerships have also been developed with Nikita Mobile, VivaCell-MTS and Orange Armenia Mobile companies. This cooperation enabled ARCS to successfully implement fundraising campaigns, such as money collection to support Japan after the earthquake. Agreement with Beeline Mobile Company is in negotiation.

Constraints or Challenges

As a result of limited funding no activity was implemented for improving National Society Disaster Preparedness and Response Structure and strengthening skills and knowledge of volunteer-members of rapid response teams. This in turn produces inactiveness and low commitment on the part of the volunteers.

Also, there is a need to revise and practice Contingency Plan of the national society, and define roles and responsibilities, reaction mechanisms, plan of action, etc. in order for the Armenian Red Cross to be truly operational.

A challenge that affected the psychosocial support program was a dramatic increase of commodity prices in Armenia, due to which ARCS had to alter the size of the food and hygiene parcels for the 400 older refugees supported through the programme.

Working in partnership

Partner	Activity
Armenian Rescue Service, Crisis Management State Academy, National Survey for Seismic Protection and Ministry of Science and Education of Armenia, Ministry of Emergency Situations.	In the direction of disaster management educational campaigns and evacuation simulations were held in six schools in close cooperation with those institutions. As the result of long term cooperation and coordination of Disaster Management activities with the Government, ARCS is cooperating closely with Armenian Rescue Service and developing the new Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with the Ministry of Emergency Situations.
DIPECHO	.From April 2010 ARCS started implementing "Building Safer Local Communities in South Caucasus" project. The project is co-funded by European Commission Humanitarian Aid

	Department (ECHO), Danish and Icelandic Red Cross in a consortium with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The project was implemented in close cooperation with Ministry of Emergency Situation, National Survey for Seismic Protection, Ministry of Education and Science, Crisis Management State Academy, Armenian Rescue Service, as well as ,Shirak regional and local authorities.
JICA	Lusarat community school from Ararat region was successfully renovated with the funding of JICA where 150 pupils of middle classes study.
HCAVO (Helsinki Citizen Assembly in Vanadzor Office)	HCAVO provides legal consultancy within the framework of “HIV prevention among IDUS in Lori Marz” program
American Red Cross	ARCS implements HIV prevention in Armenia program funded by American Red Cross
Japan Red Cross	Psychosocial support program is implemented with the funding of Japan RC

During the reporting period the development of the communication capacity of the National Society has been put to the focus. In this regard activities were organized to establish and maintain better working relationships with local communities, local donors, private businesses, mass media and the government both on National and Regional levels. Thus the National Society continuously pursued possibilities for cooperating and coordinating its efforts with partners. To this end a fruitful cooperation has been maintained with the “Zvartnots” International Airports in realizing fundraising campaign. Approximately 2000 USD was raised through the charity boxes placed at the halls of the airport.

Good working relationships were established between ARCS and the American Peace Corps and “Ashtarak kat” Dairy Product Company in realizing joint activities and projects directed at the needs of communities, such as healthy food and lifestyle, HIV prevention .

ARCS is negotiating with Coca Cola company discussing its support both in kind and financial for the Red Cross activities. Several project proposals have already been submitted to Coca Cola for further consideration of funding. .

The Red Cross youth volunteers have enhanced and strengthened cooperation with other NS youth, other youth organizations on both local and international level through defining the common needs and mobilizing efforts in addressing them.

ARCS is a member of UNV, PERCO, ENDOV, ERNA, CCM, ECC and RC/RC Global Alliance on HIV.

Contributing to longer-term impact

Different national and regional level workshops, trainings, seminars and meetings were held during the first half of the year within the framework of all implemented programs/projects which were used also for information sharing and coordination between partners aiming to avoid duplications.

Disaster Risk Reduction is indicated within the Government proposed “Sustainable Development Program 2008-2012” as a priority. The aim of this program is to decrease the poverty level particularly in rural regions which have underdeveloped communication and road systems, irrigation and health system, etc. For this, the activities carried out by the national society like implemented vulnerability capacity assessments, Disaster Risk Management workshops, the establishment of community Response Teams, the strengthening of coordination at regional level would highly contribute to the development of the regions thus making a supplementary effect to the government proposed program.

The renovation of Lusarat community's school will give pupils the opportunity to study in sufficient conditions which in turn will decrease community's social vulnerability.

ARCS representatives participated at several international and national trainings, workshops and working group meetings where they presented and shared their experiences and lessons learned. The training courses organized for staff and volunteers of regional branches will in particular have a long term positive effect on the workings of the Armenian Red Cross. The skills developed by the participants will be used across every programme in the National Society, contributing both to the actual functioning of the projects and also to fundraising for them.

Looking ahead

There are a number of planned activities mostly in the sphere of enhancing Armenia Red Cross Society Disaster Preparedness and Response Structure where there were no activities during the first half of the year due to the lack of funds. Therefore, it is necessary to implement projects directed at enhancement of the DP&R Structure and strengthening of rapid response teams' volunteer-members' skills and knowledge.

The year up to now has been a success related to disaster preparedness in schools with a number of educational campaigns implemented involving a huge amount of beneficiaries. The experience and knowledge gained during this period is important and crucial for planning and concentrating on future similar activities.

In recent years the National Society declared that its performance at community level in disaster risk reduction direction is a priority. In 2010 Armenia Red Cross implemented DIPECHO and JICA funded renovation projects, which in turn will reduce risk and community's social vulnerability respectively. The experiences and lessons learned from the projects supported its further active engagement in disaster risk reduction activities.

Evaluating the work carried out, summing up the achieved results, understanding the challenges and deciding the most effective ways of reaching future objectives, the National Society will modify its activities accordingly and aim to:

- Develop resource mobilization skills of the staff and volunteers of regional branches and include more regional branches in this process.
- Pay significant attention to the maintaining the cooperation with existing partners and establish contacts with mass media especially in publishing life stories about beneficiaries and Red Cross volunteers in order to better link branding efforts with the services provided by the Armenian Red Cross.
- Strengthen the volunteer work acknowledgment and encouragement mechanisms for ensuring sustainable psycho-social service delivery to the refugee people involved in National Society programs.
- Spread information materials aimed at raising the awareness of the National Society among the general population using different innovative methods and other organizations' experiences within and outside the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- Develop and submit project applications for the Grants and Calls.

How we work

All Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

<p>The IFRC's vision is to:</p> <p>Inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.</p>	<p>The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises. 2. Enable healthy and safe living. 3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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