

Mid-Year report



Paraguay

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This report covers the period 01 January 2001 to 30 June 2011.



Volunteers from the Paraguay Red Cross are fumigating to avoid the proliferation of the dengue carrying mosquitoes. Paraguay Red Cross

In brief

Programme outcome: The purpose of the secretariat of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is to support the institutional capacity building of the Paraguayan Red Cross in line with the priorities identified by the National Society, *Strategy 2020* and the Inter-American Plan.

Programmes summary: This report updates the steps taken in the implementation of the 2011 support plan for the Paraguayan Red Cross (PRC). This succinct report aims to highlight the progress achieved and identify the challenges which the PRC could face in the near future.

The National Society and the IFRC worked together in 2010 to create the support plan for the PRC. The process to draft this document in itself demonstrates the effectiveness of collaborative team work and consensus-based decision-making. Joint work was carried out to identify and strategize needs and priorities, as well to identify the support required to reach objectives. Lastly, the support plan enables the IFRC to commit to providing realistic and tangible assistance.

The people of Paraguay have experienced a relatively calm political and social atmosphere during the first half of 2011. This situation has been favourable to providing increased attention to vulnerability in some population groups, particularly those living in non-urban areas. The PRC is focused on strengthening its local branch network in order to better respond to the needs of the population living outside the capital city, particularly those in suburban and rural communities who often live in conditions of high vulnerability.

Due to the National Society's experience in responding to floods, drought, as well as dengue outbreaks, it has acted effectively and efficiently when these disasters have occurred again. The Paraguayan Red Cross action in disaster response is reinforcing its reputation as an organization capable of responding and providing humanitarian support to the population in need. Furthermore, during the time covered by this report, the PRC has taken important and decisive steps to strengthen its institutional skills and internal management tools.

The work undertaken, as part of its country support plan, is in alignment with *Strategy 2020* and the recommendations of the Inter-American Conference and pertinent National Society documents.

Financial situation: The total revised 2011 budget is 308,725 Swiss francs, of which 54,955 Swiss francs (18 per cent) has been covered during this reporting period (including opening balance). Overall expenditure during the reporting period was 45,726 Swiss francs. The budget has been revised from 401,205 Swiss francs to 308,725 Swiss francs.

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See also the DREF operation [Paraguay: Dengue outbreak \(MDRPY009\)](#).

No. of people we have reached: As the National Society's actions during this period have been focused on internal strengthening, as well as responding to humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable population, an estimated 1,135 people have been reached directly and indirectly.

Our partners: Within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Paraguayan Red Cross has established strong and productive partnerships. The National Society has a tripartite agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the IFRC. Additionally, the PRC has established cooperation alliances with the National Societies of Finland, Germany, Norway and Switzerland. Outside of the Movement, its cooperation agreements with the UK Department for International Development - DFID, the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department - ECHO, and Disaster Preparedness ECHO-DIPECHO have contributed greatly to implementing this country support plan that responds to the humanitarian needs within the country. The PRC's strong working relationships with government institutions, particularly the National Secretariat for Emergencies, also add to successfully fulfilling its humanitarian mission.

Context

The country of Paraguay, divided into 17 departments and a district for the nation's capital, Asunción, is among the poorest and most unequal countries in the Americas. This situation stems from the rural-urban divide in which the urban centres tend to have access to more basic services versus the indigenous and/or rural populations who generally live in poverty, and extreme poverty. According to the 2010 figures from Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean-ECLAC, only 60 per cent of the 6.57 million population lives in urban areas. Over 56 per cent of the total population, reaching 67.1 per cent in rural areas lives in poverty. Approximately 30.4 per cent of the total population, reaching 46.6 per cent in rural areas, survives in extreme poverty. Gender differences also are reflected in these figures. The average life span is 75 years for men and 71 years for females; the latter compose 49.6 per cent of the nation's population. Infant mortality is 24.2 per cent for girls and 33.1 per cent for boys. According to ECLAC, the maternal mortality rate stands at 95 deaths from pregnancy-related causes, per 100,000 live births. Illiteracy rates are slightly higher for men (2.0 per cent) than women (1.8 per cent).

The population's vulnerability is heightened due to periods of political instability, socio-economic crises and violence, and rising unemployment rates. Paraguay is also affected by weather events. In recent times, the country—particularly the Chaco region—has faced severe flooding and recurring droughts. Dengue fever also has appeared in the most vulnerable communities.

Whilst the first half of 2011 was marked by relative political stability, the effects of these socio-economic and political issues continue to be felt in the country. Facing the pressing challenges of its national context, the Paraguayan Red Cross has redirected its work towards the most vulnerable sectors of society. The National Society is implementing new actions related to disaster risk reduction, community development, income generating activities and promoting the participation of the target populations. The PRC continues to undertake important efforts to identify essential partners and to increase contact and coordination with governmental authorities, thus strengthening its role as auxiliary to the government in humanitarian issues. At the internal level, the PRC has

started the process to modernize and professionalize its management structures, work towards financial sustainability, strengthen its branch network and membership diversity.

All of the above actions merit national and international support to solidify these efforts. During this reporting period, the National Society began to implement its *Strategic Plan 2011-2016*, which has the following objectives and strategies:

Strategic Objective 1: Develop the National Society's overall skills, designing work to strengthen branches, sub-branches, and communities, incorporate new knowledge and value the skills of its volunteering resources.

General Strategy: Design and/or structure branch operational mechanisms, based on well-functioning branches, with the active participation of management of the National Society.

Strategic Objective 2: Work effectively in response and early recovery with communities affected by disasters or emergencies and consolidate disaster and risk management.

General Strategy: Implement processes with branches, sub-branches, and communities to complement government action through the establishment of strategic and cooperation alliances.

Strategic Objective 3: Promote health practices, health care and active community services to reduce risks.

General Strategy: Design care programmes in maternal-infant health with an emphasis on community-based preventative health care.

Strategic Objective 4: Facilitate the integration and inclusion of socially marginalized people and work with them.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme purpose
To reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
Programme purpose
Support Paraguayan Red Cross Disaster Risk Management initiatives scaling up at national and local levels to achieve safer and more resilient communities, in line with the International Federation commitments, mandate and frameworks.
Programme component 1: Institutional capacity-building for community risk reduction
Component outcome 1: Paraguayan Red Cross is encouraged and receives support for strengthening capacities to work with communities to be better prepared and organized to reduce, respond and recover from disasters impacts, contributing to building safer and more resilient communities.
Programme component 2: Institutional capacity-building for disaster preparedness
Component outcome 1: The secretariat encourages and supports the strengthening of Paraguayan Red Cross capacities to effectively support communities to plan, prepare, respond and recover from emergencies.
Programme component 3: Disaster risk reduction coordination and advocacy
Component outcome 1: The participation and coordination processes between Paraguayan Red Cross and local and national authorities; other national and local organizations and regional platforms to develop disaster risk reduction, response and

recovery initiatives resulted in key partnership and strategic alliances.

During the first half of 2011, the Paraguayan Red Cross has engaged in multiple actions to work with communities to increase their disaster management skills and safety and resilience during emergencies. Many of these efforts are cross-cutting with other areas, particularly health and care, and related to current emergency response activities.

However in regards to the planned outcomes under these programme components, very limited progress has been made due the lack of a regional disaster risk management coordinator and unrealized funding. The previous disaster risk management coordinator left in the first quarter of 2011, and this person provided support and follow up to actions in the Andean countries and the Southern Cone and Brazil. This position is still vacant, and support on DRM efforts is provided through the zone DRM programme based on existing capacities.

Whilst part of the PRC's Strategic Plan, the focus on the DREF Operation (MDRPY009) to respond to the dengue outbreak in the country's central, southern and eastern regions, has been incorporated into these wider long-term objectives. The National Society is employing a community-based approach to train communities regarding vector control and preventive actions (i.e. eliminating mosquito breeding areas). Additionally, it has employed and strengthened its strategic alliances with governmental and non-governmental actors to respond to this recent emergency.

Health and Care

Programme purpose

Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.

This IFRC health and care programme supports the National Society to increase health activities and mobilize volunteers, civil society and governments in order to achieve greater equity in health and have a greater impact on public health issues. The health and care programme has focused efforts on HIV, community health and health in emergencies.

As of this year, the Paraguayan Red Cross has hired a coordinator for the National Society's health department. This positive step contributes to the needed establishment of a comprehensive health programme. Efforts currently are underway to form a larger and more skilled health team that contributes and furthers the PRC's Strategic Plan and this is included in the objectives of this country support plan.

Programme component 1: HIV and AIDS

Component outcome 1: Paraguayan Red Cross has developed prevention, care, treatment and support the reduction of HIV stigma and discrimination strengthening its capacities through the Global Alliance on HIV or its future incorporation.

The Paraguayan Red Cross continues to implement a wide range of community health and health in emergency actions which demonstrate the effectiveness of a comprehensive health strategy.

In cooperation with the Swiss Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross, the National Society is implementing actions on HIV and AIDS issues in several cities in the Itapúa department. In support of this process, the IFRC also provides support in the field of HIV education. In a course of action that strengthens branch-level skills through facilitating volunteer action in community health and HIV, volunteers are able to gain theoretical and practical knowledge in community health and build strategic alliances between branches and sub-branches (Alto Paraná, Itapúa, and the sub-branches of Capiatá and Ñemby).

The Health programme cross-cuts all projects and activities currently developed by the National Society. Branch strengthening is on-going and contemplates increasing volunteer capacities in all branches and sub-branches in key areas such as community health, community-based health

interventions and HIV. However, at present the number of branches developing HIV related activities do not reach 50% of the total.

Programme component 2: Public Health in the Community

Component outcome 1: Paraguayan Red Cross has strengthened its management capacities and scaled up actions related to Community-Based Health and First (CBHFA), Voluntary-Non Remunerated Blood Donation (VNRBD), within an integrated community health strategy.

Within the framework of this health component, the PRC currently is adopting the Community-Based Health and First Aid strategy, CBHFA in action, to address issues such as HIV and AIDS, road safety, voluntary non-remunerated blood donation and psychosocial support.

During this reporting period, representatives from four branches and sub-branches involved in the health projects met and were provided with informative materials about key areas such as epidemic prevention (dengue), HIV, community health and influenza, to support their community-based health work. Additionally, two first aid workshops were held in Encarnación and Ñemby, with a third planned for Capiata at the end of August, and Ciudad del Este in September. At the present time approximately 67 persons have benefited from the training.

The Encarnación branch continues to maintain its Club 25. Whilst this remains the only Club 25 in the Paraguayan Red Cross, it remains active, keeps facilitating educational activities and maintains a group of 25 permanent donors. Finding the necessary resources for this initiative is challenging. Plans are underway for this club to join the network of Club 25 coordinators in Latin America.

Programme component 3: Public health in Emergencies

Component outcome 1: Paraguayan Red Cross has strengthened its capacities to prepare, respond and recover from health emergencies related to epidemics/pandemics and disasters.

In the recent years, Paraguay has faced a series of dengue outbreaks and continues to be the hardest hit country in the region. The Paraguayan Red Cross, as of April 2011, is implementing a DREF-supported operation to respond to this public health emergency. In the municipal district of Mariano Roque Alonso, the PRC, alongside local health institutions, is participating in collaborative community efforts (locally known as *mingas*) for environmental clean-up, which include waste collection and vector control.

The PRC National Disaster Response Unit was activated during the dengue outbreak; in particular the member specialized in health in emergencies and epidemic outbreaks. The emergency health outcome in the DREF operation was: *Dengue-related morbidity and mortality is reduced through a comprehensive approach to preventive health and increased awareness*. This was reached through activities such as: epidemic control for volunteers' training, IEC material distribution, educational and communication campaigns.

As part of this operation, a total of 140 crews (128 brigades) covered a total of 512 blocks in 11 neighbourhoods of the city, making house visits and identifying possible areas where larvae could propagate. Training sessions were held for the brigades and 30 days were dedicated to the extraction of waste and elimination of mosquito breeding grounds. Fever cases also were detected and referred to health care centres.

Furthermore, the PRC participated in a regional emergency health workshop "*Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases in the Americas: Lessons Learnt and innovative approaches*" in April 2011 organized by the IFRC emergency health coordinator. The objective of this workshop was to share the different experiences of emergencies caused by epidemic diseases in the Americas with reference to the community-based approach and integrating prevention and preparedness activities.

The National Society has strengthened its psychosocial component and disaster response system by participating in creation of the training module for National Intervention Team (NIT) in psychosocial support in emergencies. The Paraguayan Red Cross will also be participating in the pilot workshop planned to take place in Santiago (Chile) in the coming months.

Constraints or Challenges:

- The PRC recognizes that its scarce health resources make it difficult to implement all of the needed and planned actions.
- Global health components, like actions focused on urban areas at-risk and violence prevention, need to be integrated into the current health activities.
- At the branch level, the Amambay branch in the city of Pedro Juan Caballero has discontinued its health actions. Efforts need to be undertaken to determine the causes for termination.

Organizational Development

Programme purpose
Increase the skills of local communities, civil society, and Red Cross to face the most urgent situations of vulnerability.

Programme Component 1: Strengthening of the Organizational Development Capacities
Component outcome 1: Promote the strengthening of the territorial network in Paraguayan Red Cross

Achievements

The Paraguayan Red Cross considers organizational development crucial to address the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable people and communities. Whilst the process to strengthen the branch network originally had focused on only two departments, the National Society decided to amplify these actions due to existing financial resources and a PRC staff person dedicated to this task.

The current process of strengthening the Paraguayan Red Cross branch network began in November 2010, with support from the Swedish Red Cross, with the project titled "Support to the planning of the network of branches and sub-branches of the Paraguayan Red Cross". This project, implemented in 11 departmental branches and 5 sub-branches of the central department, supported the selected branches to create their Operational Plans by 2011. Whilst the funding ended in December 2010, the outcomes have provided the National Society with an in-depth analysis of branches' needs and allowed it to continue branch strengthening through the first half of 2011.

Making headways into the final part of 2011 and using the country support plan as a guide, the PRC and IFRC are working together to determine the most appropriate priorities to be supported for the medium-term future.

Constraints or Challenges

- The demand for successful resource mobilization to finance the strengthening of the territorial network remains a challenge. The PRC, in close coordination with the ICRC and the IFRC, continues to identify possible funding sources in order to maintain its comprehensive work at the branch level.

Component outcome 2: Provide technical support to the Paraguayan Red Cross for the creation and implementation of a National Resources Mobilization and Development Plan.
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Similar to the previous outcome, the process to create and implement a national resource mobilization and development plan began prior to 2011. During the last half of 2010, Norwegian Red Cross funding enabled the Paraguayan Red Cross to hire an external consultant to draft its

National Resource Mobilization and Development Plan. The consultant continued her support, through an online consultancy, during the initial months of 2011.

Thanks to successive funding from the Norwegian Red Cross, the PRC has begun to implement a new project, "Positioning the Image of the Paraguayan Red Cross for Resource Mobilization", during the last six months of 2011. Building on last year's project, efforts are underway to develop the National Society's resource mobilization skills with national and international funders. The PRC has the specific goal of developing a national campaign to better position itself, thus creating public awareness of its principles and actions and therefore securing financial support that contributes to its sustainability.

During the reporting period, and within the framework of the proposed national campaign, the PRC has implemented the following actions:

1. Conducted a recruitment process for a staff person to be in charge of resource mobilization and head the campaign.
2. Drafted the terms of reference for the campaign to better position the National Society.
3. Created campaign materials for use in the mass media and the PRC network.

In addition to the efforts to increase its resource mobilization capacities, the PRC has taken steps to strengthen its administration area with the perspective that financial transparency and accountability are essential to this process.

Constraints or Challenges

The National Society faces the challenge of better positioning itself within Paraguayan society. This effort could potentially widen the PRC funding base, particularly with non-traditional donors as corporate social responsibility is a growing trend.

The Paraguayan Red Cross has had the opportunity to receive funding from sister National Societies for its work. It is challenged to ensure that the financial and administrative skills are transferred to National Society staff once the projects end.

The National Society currently is constrained by its outdated equipment and need for advanced IT skills. The modernization of its administration area is essential to the resource mobilization objective, as well as others that contribute to a well-functioning National Society.

Component outcome 3: Promote legal bases and structures and update management tools that guarantee the basis for a well-functioning National Society

The PRC is committed to creating the essential components which ensure a well-functioning National Society. As suggested in the preceding section, aspects of this desired outcome are cross-cutting with many areas. The National Society has hired a consultant to update and draft an organization manual and methodology. Whilst the process still is underway, it will be completed by the end of July 2011, and is expected to have a positive impact on National Society actions.

The National Society *Strategic Plan 2011-2016* was created in a cooperative process with the ICRC and the IFRC in 2010. It is also coherent with *Strategy 2020* and it has been employed since early 2011. The National Society, in addition to implementing this plan, is also monitoring its implementation.

The National Society has requested support from the Americas zone information systems unit to develop its technological systems and infrastructure. Whilst funding for this PRC initiative has not yet been identified, this proposal has the main objective of providing 14 information systems to the National Society and providing staff training to ensure the professional quality and Movement standards in its administration, as well as in the area of information technology.

Constraints or Challenges

The PRC management structure is challenged to separate financing of staff positions from project funding. The National Society, thus, needs to strengthen its resource mobilization skills and employ them to obtain resources which contribute to its self-sustainability.

Component outcome 4: Stimulation of dynamic communication processes adapted to new technology in the National Society of Paraguay

As part of the actions tied to the development of the resource mobilization and development area, the Paraguayan Red Cross has continued the strengthening of its communication system, a process which began in late 2010. The National Society now has a communication plan which responds to its identified needs. However, there is a lack of funds to expand this plan beyond headquarters, and as mentioned above, make use of more updated technology.

The PRC plans to continue disseminating this plan, particularly working with branches to ensure communications skills at this level, during the last half of 2011. As the National Society is making an effort to strategically combine activities and reduce costs, the dissemination process will be framed within the strengthening of the territorial network activities also planned in the upcoming period.

Constraints or Challenges

As in other areas, the Paraguayan Red Cross is constrained by its current financial situation. It is challenged to obtain funds to further implement the communication system at all levels of the National Society, guaranteeing the sharing of knowledge and tools throughout the territorial branch network.

Component outcome 5: Technical support for volunteer strengthening to improve National Society response to new humanitarian challenges

During the first semester of 2011, the PRC is building on initiatives started in 2010. Over the past six months, the National Society continues to focus on improving its volunteering. Thanks to funding provided by the IFRC, the National Society is implementing a project throughout 2011. The main objective of the “Development of volunteer skills in the Paraguayan Red Cross branches” project is to increase volunteers’ skills at the branch level. These newly developed skills will not only benefit volunteers but also enable the National Society to provide more efficient and effective services at the community level and to the most vulnerable people. This project has established a pilot area for volunteer skill strengthening in the Itapúa, Alto Paraná and Ñeembucú branches.

At the end of this reporting period, the Paraguayan Red Cross has implemented and/or started the following activities:

1. Meetings with volunteer leadership in the branches to analyze the National Society’s volunteering management plan.
2. Starting the training workshops and courses for volunteers in the three pilot branches.
3. Planning prioritized actions to be implemented. During the second half of 2011, the prioritized actions will begin in each of the branches.
4. Planning the training workshops and courses for volunteer leadership in the branches which are programmed for the second half of 2011. Emphasis is placed on human resource management and administration.

The PRC simultaneously has started processes which will continue in the second half of the year, to strengthen work in the following areas:

- a) Use of the IFRC E-Learning platform, boosting the dissemination of this initiative at the branch level. The IFRC, during this reporting period, has shared information on the available courses with the National Society.

- b) Establishment of functional South-South cooperation. Paraguayan Red Cross volunteers already have shared knowledge and experience with their peers from the Argentine Red Cross.
- c) Strengthening of human resources in resource mobilization and development as well as in communication. This particular process has been possible with IFRC support.

Constraints or Challenges

As suggested above, PRC plans to strengthen volunteering are dependent on identifying and obtaining the appropriate financial resources. Special efforts are underway, with no results as of yet, to request funds that would be used for the dissemination of the volunteer management cycle training to all of the National Society branches.

Whilst the IFRC offers online courses, it is important that more courses be added in Spanish and at no cost. The PRC will continue to make these suggestions through the appropriate channels.

Principles and Values

Programme purpose

Promote respect for diversity and human dignity, and reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion.
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Despite the centrality of the Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, funding for a particular Principles and Values focal point has not been secured at the regional level. Since early 2010, the regional representation for the Southern Cone and Brazil, as well as the regional representation for the Andean countries, has not had the funds to cover the human resources needed for this area. As funding sources continue to be reduced, the IFRC continues to provide accompaniment to the region's National Societies for the incorporation of Principles and Values in its actions. However legitimate the efforts to make Principles and Values a cross-cutting issue in all National Societies, this area will continue to show little progress until earmarked funds for the appropriate human resources and activities are identified and obtained.

Understanding the financial challenges which are reflected in programmatic strategy, the regional representation, side-by-side with the National Society, continue to include Principles and Values issues into their work. This has been most successful in their actions with youth, women, people living with HIV (PLHIV), indigenous people and others living in situations of vulnerability. Information about the implementation of these activities demonstrating a cross-cutting focus has been included in the outcomes sections above.

Constraints or Challenges:

- The financial constraints which led to eliminating the needed human resources have taken their toll on how the area of Principles and Values is approached in the region. The Paraguayan Red Cross is making an effort to include these fundamental aspects of the Movement into its programmatic activities. However, more support is needed to ensure that this cross-cutting focus is productive.
- If renewed resource mobilization for this area is no longer a priority, technical skills from the regional human resources, as well as from sister National Societies, need to be shared. Initiatives can be established to promote information exchange on Principles and Values.
- Monitoring is increasingly needed to ensure that the National Society's plans, actions and goals incorporate an approach based on non-discrimination and respect for diversity.

Working in partnership

The Paraguayan Red Cross has continued to develop alliances with different local, national and international actors within and outside the Movement. For several years now, the PRC has identified the need to diversify its sources for funding and collaborative actions. The National Society has the goal of becoming self-sustaining and in this process is taking steps to avoid dependency and financial vulnerability.

The Paraguayan Red Cross receives support from the ICRC, the IFRC and the Partner National Societies from Finland, Germany, Norway and Switzerland.

Thanks to resources provided by DIPECHO, ECHO and DFID in previous years, the National Society has been able to implement a variety of humanitarian actions within the country. The cooperative relationship with the United Nations system agencies also is invaluable.

Within Paraguay, the PRC has established close and effective relationships with national and local governments. The relationship with the National Secretariat for Emergencies and the Ministry of Health stand out amongst these. These PRC-State partnerships reflect the respect that the National Society continues to cultivate in the country.

Finally, the PRC is committed to developing relations and partnerships with the private sector. This process, however, implies challenges not only for the National Society recently entering into this area but also for the private sector in the country which has little history with this type of collaboration.

Contributing to longer-term impact

As all of the National Society activities are framed within its Strategic Plan, its actions aim for medium to long-term impact. The PRC has developed the appropriate skills to monitor, analyze and modify its activities to better respond to challenges and meet the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable populations. Additionally, the PRC's level of accountability has improved considerably in recent times and reflects its commitment to enhancing the quality and attention given to this issue.

The commitment to gender equity and equality and the respect for diversity contribute to long-term impacts which transcend the National Society. The PRC, as mentioned above, is incorporating Principles and Values, particularly non-discrimination, into its work. Additionally, in its community work, the National Society frames its actions as development with sustainability, thus strengthening the stakeholders' ability to continue activities and employing learned knowledge after particular projects end.

Looking ahead

The Paraguayan Red Cross has taken firm steps to improve the National Society in different areas. Its recent progress is considerable. However, certain aspects, particularly longer-term processes (including management structure, resource mobilization and branch strengthening) need to be reinforced and solidified. The National Society continues to strive to sustain its own development and its programmes.

The IFRC maintains a fluid and respectful dialogue, with tailored support, to the National Society. This dynamic facilitates appropriate and timely support. It is not foreseen that the last half of 2011 brings substantial changes to the programmes and actions currently underway. The IFRC, in coordination with the National Society, has therefore not established new priorities or significant modifications of the country support plan.

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.

The IFRC's vision is to:

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.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

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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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	206,614	5,310	96,801			308,725
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0			0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	962					962
<i>Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)</i>	5,449					5,449
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>			2,332			2,332
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>			20,985			20,985
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>			20,000			20,000
C1. Cash contributions	6,411		43,317			49,728
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Balance Reallocation</i>		5,227				5,227
C4. Other Income		5,227				5,227
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	6,411	5,227	43,317			54,955
D. Total Funding = B + C	6,411	5,227	43,317			54,955
Appeal Coverage	3%	98%	45%			18%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0			0
C. Income	6,411	5,227	43,317			54,955
E. Expenditure	0	-5,104	-40,621			-45,726
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	6,411	123	2,696			9,229

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		206,614	5,310	96,801			308,725	
Personnel								
National Staff	13,368							13,368
Total Personnel	13,368							13,368
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	227,094							227,094
Total Workshops & Training	227,094							227,094
General Expenditure								
Travel	4,000							4,000
Office Costs	3,887							3,887
Financial Charges	3,775		111	2,091			2,202	1,573
Shared Office and Services Costs	37,376							37,376
Total General Expenditure	49,038		111	2,091			2,202	46,836
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			4,678	35,696			40,374	-40,374
Total Operational Provisions			4,678	35,696			40,374	-40,374
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	18,842		311	2,456			2,767	16,075
Total Indirect Costs	18,842		311	2,456			2,767	16,075
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee	383			378			378	5
Pledge Reporting Fees			5				5	-5
Total Pledge Specific Costs	383		5	378			383	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	308,725		5,104	40,621			45,726	262,999
VARIANCE (C - D)		206,614	206	56,180			262,999	