

Mid-Year report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Romania

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This report covers the period from 01/01/2011 to 30/06/2011.

In brief

Programme outcome: In line with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Strategy 2020, the aim of the Federation supported programmes in Romania is to *save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises; to enable healthy and safe living; and to promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.*

The key objectives set by the Romanian Red Cross Society cover the four key priority areas outlined in the International Federation's Strategy 2020. Based on these strategic objectives, the Romanian Red Cross Society focuses on disaster preparedness and response, health and care, organizational development, community mobilization and the promotion of humanitarian values.

Disaster management remains a priority area for the National Society. As set out in its strategic document, the aim of the Romanian Red Cross is to develop joint actions with vulnerable communities and state authorities focusing on disaster risk reduction at community level.

The health and care programme aims to scale up anti-tuberculosis activities focusing on people with multi-drug resistant TB (MD-RTB) as well as the prevention of HIV.

Programme(s) summary: The lack of funding in the reporting period meant that no activities supported by the Federation took place. The Romanian Red Cross has been active in seeking other sources of funding, partners and opportunities.

Financial situation: The total 2011 budget is CHF 54,581 of which CHF 0 (zero per cent) was covered during the reporting period, including the opening balance. The overall expenditure during the reporting period was CHF 0 (zero per cent) of the budget.

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No. of people we have reached: N/A

Our partners: N/A

Context

The general situation in Romania has been influenced by the global economic and financial crisis. The Romanian economy has been in recession over the last three years. The GDP declined by 1.3 per cent in 2010, and it is still among the lowest in the European Union, second only to Bulgaria. During the 1990s Romania experienced two sharp recessions and recovered only after 2000. Afterwards, Romania was recording high GDP growth rates until 2008, showing the typical patterns of a catching up economy.

After being hit by the financial crisis in early 2009 (the crisis arrived with some delay in Romania, yet the harder), Romania's GDP dropped back below the level of 2007, and there are no signs for a quick recovery. It is expected that the GDP will reach the former level of 2008 between 2011 and 2012. At the moment, the estimates put this year's economic growth of Romania between 0.7 and 2 per cent.

The unemployment rate climbed to 7.6 per cent in the first quarter which is an increase compared to 2010's 6.9, which is not extraordinarily high under the conditions of the current economic situation in most European countries.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme purpose

Reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.

Programme component 1: Disaster management planning and preparedness

Component outcome 1: The National Society has updated its disaster preparedness plans and contingency plans including the role of the branches.
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Component outcome 2: National disaster response team capacities are further strengthened, through refresher courses and simulation exercises.
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Programme component 2: Psychological support

Component outcome 1: Refresher courses are provided for the PSP
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No funding was available.

Health and Care

Programme purpose

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

Programme component 1: Prevention and control of HIV and AIDS and TB

Component outcome 1: The National Society has contributed to TB control and prevention through promotion and support of Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS) including psychological support
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No funding was available.

Working in partnership

The Romanian Red Cross Society is a very active member of the International Federation of the Red Cross / Red Crescent Societies both in multilateral and bilateral terms. It has participated in the roll-out of important Federation-wide initiatives, and it has rendered consultative assistance (facilitation) to the Red Cross Society in Moldova. The mentioned activities, however, fell beyond the scope of the country plan and the pertaining budget. In the same time, these mentioned activities are enhancing the idea of peer support between National Societies.

Contributing to longer-term impact

The IFRC Europe Zone Organisational Development Unit has worked with the Romanian Red Cross on addressing the sustainability of funding by relying on national sources. The Romanian Red Cross has a trained facilitator for the implementation of Strategy 2020, which is not just a national but also a regional asset. Also the National Society worked together with the branches and through technical support received from the Zone office to develop their Strategic plan by the end of 2011.

Looking ahead

Discussions with potential partners on corporate responsibility and within the National Society on creating funding strategy are intended to lead to a more stable development and programme implementation in the mid to long term.

How we work

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

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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