

GULF AREA

CO-OPERATION

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The Context

The International Federation will reinforce its co-operation with the National Societies of the Gulf region, using the Regional Logistics Centre being established in the United Arab Emirates as a platform and developing links through seminars and workshops to train staff and volunteers and the provision of opportunities for delegate training. Contacts will be maintained principally by Geneva, by the UAE logistics manager and by the Regional Delegation in Amman.

Objectives

- To develop and consolidate Federation relations with the National Societies of the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait
- To enhance opportunities for these Societies to support Federation operations.

Plan of Action

- To pursue efforts to establish a National Society in Oman
- To ensure representation of the Federation with the Gulf Co-operation Council and other regional funding bodies, such as the Arab Fund for social and economic development, based in Kuwait, and the Islamic Development Bank, headquartered in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Through its representative, the Federation will organise training modules in disaster relief and preparedness for volunteers of National Societies. (The Federation has already provided training in camp management and relief for the Kuwait Red Crescent.)

Co-operation

Co-operation will be developed among National Societies in the region, with local and regional authorities, and with local and regional funding bodies.