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Programme summary:

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Operational developments

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The lack of an organizational development delegate in the regional delegation continues to negatively impact the effective and efficient implementation of the programme. Nevertheless, the recruitment efforts have been intensified, and it is hoped that the position will be filled in due course.

Despite many challenges within the support services unit during the second half of 2005 including acts of criminality, high staff turnover, slow and challenging search for the right candidates to fill key positions both for international and national postings and restructuring of the unit, many achievements were also made. In general, there is a visibly improved team spirit among staff and openness and dialogue with management resulting in more efficient service delivery to clients.

Health and care

Goal: Support national societies in the region to contribute towards sustainable improvement of overall health of vulnerable communities through provision of quality community based health care programmes.

Objective: Support national societies in the region and consequently vulnerable communities to address their public health needs in a sustainable manner using ARCHI strategy, while at the same time building upon the capacities of National Societies to rapidly and effectively address public health needs in emergencies (preparedness and response).

Progress/Achievements

Technical support to national societies

- Working together with the Somali Red Crescent Society and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Somalia, the health and care unit participated in the development of a training curriculum for community health workers and volunteers on malaria control and prevention. A malaria communication strategy was also developed. The national society was assisted to design and pre-test a baseline survey instrument which will focus on key knowledge, attitude and practices on water, sanitation and hygiene. In addition, the Somali Red Crescent Society staff and volunteers were trained on how to conduct the baseline survey. Technical input was given to the national society for the distribution of the first quarter consignment of insecticide treated nets for the global fund for AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (GFATM), and the posters to be used during the distribution.
- The Kenya Red Cross Society was assisted in the review of their water and sanitation (WatSan) strategy which will be fed into their five-year development strategy.
- As a follow up in the implementation of the 'Keep-Up' campaigns that entail the integration of malaria interventions in immunization campaigns, technical assistance and advice was provided to the Tanzania Red Cross Society on the measles follow-up campaigns preparations. The campaigns took place at the end of July into early August 2005. The campaigns incorporated the distribution of insecticide treated nets, vitamin A and mebendazole during the vaccinations in 10 districts, excluding Zanzibar. Other partners in

this activity included UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP) Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), WHO (Malaria Programme) and the Tanzanian government amongst others. Over 80,000 insecticide treated nets (ITN) were distributed. More of such campaigns are planned in Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi in 2006.

- The Ethiopian Red Cross Society was assisted in the finalization of the polio campaign report, which was sent to the Geneva health and care unit.
- Information on the Global WatSan Initiative, whose focus is undertaking long term, large scale WatSan projects to ensure sustainability and greater coverage, has been disseminated.
- Monitoring sheets were shared with national societies implementing WatSan activities Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) activities and the related WatSan interventions during the PHASTER PHAST in emergencies regional workshop held in Nairobi in November 2005.
- Technical input was given to the document called "Communication and Advocacy for immunisation services within the context of the Red Strategy". This is a training manual for health workers in the EPI.
- Together with Geneva, the health and care unit revised the Federation health policy. It also provided information, education and communication materials (IEC) on first aid and sent these to national societies to be used in the World First Aid Day that was celebrated on 10 September 2005. The theme for this day was 'First Aid with the vulnerable groups'.
- The Netherlands Red Cross was assisted in the drafting/finalization of WatSan strategies in Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda and Eritrea. The process will be undertaken in line with the development of technical tools (packages). The expectation is that these tools will harmonise national societies' approaches in WatSan community development activities to enhance ownership and overall sustainability.
- The German Red Cross and the Somalia Red Crescent Society were assisted on how to conduct a baseline survey for the second phase of their European Community funded WatSan project.

Integration of health and care programmes with other programmes

- 25 volunteers from the Kenya Red Cross Society, Makueni branch were trained on PHAST methodology under the Kenya drought operation as part of integrating the WatSan component into the ongoing drought operation.
- Working together with Geneva's health and care unit, the Sudanese Red Crescent Society was supported in developing and implementing an effective response to the confirmed yellow fever outbreak in South Kordofan.
- The health and care unit participated in teleconferences with Geneva's Health in Emergencies department and other regional offices on the Avian Influenza preparedness and response for a possible human influenza pandemic. An Avian Influenza consultative and planning meeting was organized on 15 December 2005, in Nairobi. The objective was to work towards comprehensive preparedness and response to Avian Influenza and the human influenza pandemic threat. 10 national societies and experts on the Avian Influenza from the region participated.

Mobilizing resources for national societies

- The Djibouti Red Crescent Society was supported in developing a proposal for the continuation of the HIV/AIDS high risk corridor programme in Djibouti. The proposal for the period 2005 to 2007, funded through DFID within the integrated health programme, covers continuation of two HIV/AIDS information centres – Quartier 2 and Arhiba; and scale-up into other areas in Djibouti.
- Input was provided on a concept paper developed by the Netherlands Red Cross to fund the Kenya Red Cross Society's care and support interventions for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in the Nairobi branch. A meeting was also held with the Kenya Red Cross Society to discuss various issues regarding the Swiss Red Cross funding for its anti retroviral treatment (ART) programme.
- Technical input was also given for the Ethiopia floods emergency appeal.
- Additional resources were mobilized through partner national societies in the region for the "HIV and AIDS in the workplace" training for francophone national societies and the 14th ICASA held in Abuja, Nigeria in December 2005. The Norwegian, Netherlands and the British national societies provided funds to support national staff from Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda. The unit provided input to the 2006-2008 NORAD application for East Africa regional programmes to support the HIV and AIDS programme.

- As part of the Global WatSan Initiative (GWSI), the WatSan units at the regional delegation and in Geneva were involved in the finalization of proposals for Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya under the EC bid call. The acceptance of the proposals is expected to provide substantial funds to be able to undertake WatSan interventions in the three countries. Information on training opportunities to national societies in the region, which resulted in the Kenya Red Cross Society WatSan coordinator securing an emergency response unit training course in Germany, supported by the German Red Cross, was disseminated.
- A job description was developed for the WatSan consultant who will work jointly with the Somalia delegation and Somali Red Crescent Society in implementing the programme with assistance from the health and care unit.
- The health/WatSan assistant completed a six month mission as a staff on loan to the Chad refugee operation where he managed the WatSan activities after the departure of the WatSan delegate. He also took over WatSan activities from Oxfam International and handed the same over to the French Red Cross, who are to continue with the operation bilaterally with the Chad Red Cross Society.
- In Sierra Leone, the national society was assisted in the training of staff in PHAST at the national level. The training was made possible through the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The unit will continue to give further training support to the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society's WatSan programme in 2006.

WatSan integration

- The WatSan unit is working together with the HIV/AIDS unit in piloting the integration of safe water provision through household water treatment methods in two of the home based care programmes of the Kenya Red Cross Society. The pilot will target home based programmes in Siaya and Kisumu for a 15 month period and the lessons learnt will be used to inform other ongoing home based programmes within the region.
- The health and care unit joined the Sudan health assessment team composed of the Sudanese Red Crescent Society staff, partner national societies and a member of the health and care unit in Geneva. The objective was to assess the national society's health programmes, including WatSan, and come up with a way forward in health programming in post conflict Sudan.
- § The WatSan unit assisted the Somalia delegation to integrate the WatSan component into their ongoing health programme. The team undertook a mission to Puntland for the initial activities which included PHAST and baseline training of 35 participants including health officers and volunteers. An assessment was made to identify possible WatSan interventions in the districts of Garowe and Galkaiyo. Further assessments will be made in Bosaso in early 2006. The assessment also included visits to maternal and child health (MCH) centres where WatSan issues were discussed with the clinic staff and health committees.

Developing/promoting strategic partnerships

- A training curriculum for community health workers and volunteers on Malaria control and prevention was developed with the Somali Red Crescent Society and UNICEF Somalia.
- A consultative meeting was held with the WHO-EPI East Africa focal person for social mobilisation. The aim of the meeting was to come up with better ways of involving national societies in the region in the EPI social mobilisation campaigns.
- The health and care unit participated in the East Africa Roll Back Malaria Network annual planning and review meeting held in Nairobi. The health and care unit gave support to the Uganda Red Cross Society and Tanzania Red Cross Society health and care coordinators for this meeting. Various technical updates on Malaria prevention, control and treatment were discussed. A regional work plan was developed at the end of the meeting. The team also attended the Roll Back Malaria Forum meeting that took place in Yaoundé, Cameroon. This was preceded by the Multilateral Initiative against Malaria (MIM) pan-African conference whose focus was to assess progress of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership to date and identify areas where the global Malaria response i.e. (prevention, control, research and programme implementation) can be improved to fully support and respond to the needs of at risk populations, especially children, pregnant women, people living in emergency situations and people living with HIV and AIDS.
- A technical meeting was held with Marie Stopes Kenya, whose focus was on how the various stakeholders who work in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps and refugee camps can incorporate sexual and reproductive health services in their programmes.

- As part of the global Federation and International Olympic Committee (IOC) partnership, a meeting was held with the Kenya Red Cross Society and the National Olympic Committee (NOC). This meeting explored modalities for partnership between the Kenya Red Cross Society and NOC in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support activities targeting the youth and sporting community, and agreed on the development of a concept note - by a taskforce selected from the meeting - for presentation to IOC.
- A meeting was held with CARE International to discuss possibilities of partnership focusing on paediatric ART access for 5 countries in East Africa – Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia.
- A meeting was held at the WHO country office in Kenya to deliberate on how to operationalize the partnership on adaptation and field testing of ART tool kits in the country. The discussion focused on the role of the Federation and WHO in finalizing and disseminating the ART toolkits for the training of community based health workers supporting ART related community based home care for PLWHA.
- The health and care unit continued its engagement in the regional Interagency Working Group on HIV/AIDS in Emergencies to identify key areas in which the group can provide support for a strengthened response to HIV/AIDS in emergencies in the region. An opportunity is available in 2006 for national societies in the region, especially Uganda and Sudan, to be trained on the International AIDS Steering Committee guidelines on HIV/AIDS in emergencies.
- During the ICASA conference held in Abuja, Nigeria, the HIV/AIDS team and the British Red Cross facilitated a panel forum bringing together national societies from Nigeria, Namibia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan and Ethiopia, and technical staff from the Dakar and Harare delegations, to share HIV/AIDS programming experiences.
- Discussions were held with UNICEF Somalia on hygiene promotion. UNICEF Somalia has shown interest in collaboration on hygiene promotion in Somaliland and Puntland.
- The WatSan team has continued to attend the WatSan coordination (WESCOORD) meetings that bring together all WatSan actors in Kenya. The team also participated in the regional workshops on water governance organized by the Global Water Partnership.

Monitoring and evaluation

- The Ethiopian Red Cross Society's HIV/AIDS strategic plan for 2006-2010 was reviewed. Draft terms of reference for a joint British Red Cross mission to the ERCS to provide technical support in all elements of the HIV/AIDS programme and advice on the new 5 year HIV/AIDS programme strategic plan have been finalised, and the mission will be undertaken early in 2006. A review of the monitoring and evaluation system designed for the Ethiopia Red Cross Society WatSan project funded by the British Red Cross was undertaken in September. There are indications that the PHAST volunteers find the monitoring sheets easy to use and are using them consistently.
- Technical input and direction was provided on the terms of reference and the evaluation of the Rwanda Red Cross Society's HIV and AIDS programme, and subsequent planning based on the recommendation of the evaluation. Input was also provided on the draft terms of reference for the evaluation of the OVC programme, which will now take place in 2006.
- The health and care team was involved in the Sudan health assessment which included partner national societies (the German and the Norwegian), Geneva technical staff and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society. The team assessed the national society's current health programmes and the anticipated focus in post conflict Sudan. The assessment recommended that the national society should focus more on preventive health and improving access to safe WatSan services.
- Terms of reference for the evaluation of the Kenya Red Cross Society community home-based care programmes in Kisumu and Siaya branches were reviewed and support provided in the development of evaluation and mid-term review tools. The HIV/AIDS team also participated in the actual evaluation and mid-term review of the HIV/AIDS strategic plan through field assessments, reporting and debriefs. The baseline survey tool for the Kenya Red Cross Society Garissa integrated health project was reviewed. The Kenya Red Cross Society Kajiado integrated health and care project funded by the Norwegian Red Cross was assisted in the review of the PHAST activities and the development of SMART indicators to track change at community level.
- Terms of reference were reviewed for the best practice documentation of the Uganda Red Cross Society's community home based care programme targeting internally displaced persons in Kapelebyong sub county, Soroti branch/Katakwi district. A field assessment was conducted and a final draft documentation

developed. The documentation captures the progress of the project, best practice in terms of innovative strategies, achievements and impact, challenges and lessons learnt in HIV/AIDS programming in conflict settings. The final document will be available for sharing with all stakeholders of the Uganda Red Cross Society and other implementing national societies within and beyond the eastern Africa region.

- The health and care unit participated in the Global HIV and AIDS programme evaluation, through information sharing, data collection from the Uganda Red Cross Society and conducting a peer review of two national societies outside the eastern Africa region.

Developing/promoting partnerships with PLWHA groups

- Two workshops were facilitated in Tanzania and Harare to review the ART modules developed by Geneva and SAFAIDS in collaboration with WHO-AFRO. Further refinement of the modules (in English and French) is expected to enhance community ART literacy within national societies' HIV/AIDS programmes in the region.
- The NAP+ nutrition manual called "*Food for People Living with HIV/AIDS*" was successfully reviewed. The manual is intended to provide a resource base for national societies and networks of PLWHA implementing anti retroviral treatment and care programmes. The reviewed manual has been forwarded to NAP+ for field testing and finalization before publication by the health and care unit in 2006. The HIV/AIDS team participated in a one day meeting organised by NAP+ that brought together key civil society groups to deliberate on the Kenya HIV and Aids Prevention and Management Bill to be discussed in parliament. The concerns for civil society groups are issues on criminalisation of wilful infection with HIV; access to treatment of the HIV and AIDS condition using anti retrovirals (ARVs); participation and involvement of PLWHA; as well as privacy and confidentiality. The health and care unit provided support for a Kenya Red Cross Society volunteer from the Mombasa branch to attend a one week NAP+ Paediatric Treatment Literacy workshop in Mombasa, Kenya, targeting Trainers of Trainers (ToTs) from eastern and southern Africa. The objectives of the workshop were to develop a clear understanding of community paediatric treatment literacy and preparedness for effective advocacy; enhance effective and operational advocacy skills around comprehensive treatment access for children living with HIV; and to identify strategic partnerships around paediatric treatment and linkages to enhance treatment access for children in the region.

Implementation of workplace HIV/AIDS policies

- A final draft best practice document of the regional delegation's HIV and AIDS workplace programme was forwarded to Geneva based on an assessment conducted in May 2004. A meeting was held with a consultant to agree on the way forward in revamping and strengthening the programme. A review meeting proposed for staff will be held in 2006. Working closely with the regional delegation's peer educators, on the World AIDS Day, the HIV/AIDS programme had a presentation and discussion focusing on voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) in the context of ART access. This topic was intended to help staff appreciate the role of VCT and that of treatment in prolonging the lives of those living with HIV and AIDS, and is in line with the Federation's new direction to provide treatment for PLWHA at national society (and delegation) level. The topic also sought to address stigma as a deterrent to the effective management of HIV and AIDS.

Comprehensive health-HIV/AIDS programmes

- The HIV/AIDS team participated in the Kenya Red Cross Society HIV/AIDS programme quarterly coordination meetings and facilitated a training session on OVC programming to support the national society in improved mainstreaming of OVC support in its programmes.
- Guidelines from Geneva on activities for the World AIDS Day, commemorated on 1 December, were forwarded to all national societies in the region.

Constraints

- The departure of the health and care coordinator in the middle of the year and the failure to fill up the post in good time has to some extent slowed down the coordination function of the health, HIV/AIDS and WatSan unit.

- Some national societies, such as , Djibouti Red Crescent Society still have low staffing capacities which have continued to hamper quick implementation and absorption of funds.
- Timely and efficient reporting/feedback from national societies remains weak.

Disaster management

Goal: To build the capacities of the national Societies at regional, sub-regional and country levels to predict and prevent disasters, to mitigate their impact and to respond and cope with their consequences.

Objectives: To strengthen and support appropriate national society capacities to provide quality response to common disasters facing the region (food security, political disturbances and population movements, cyclones and seasonal floods) and the lack of disaster policy plans and vulnerability and capacity assessments.

Progress/Achievements

Food security

- Advice was given on the proposed food for work strategy to the Kenya Red Cross Society.
- Assistance was given in the recruitment and management of the food security officer and advice was given for food security programmes in Ethiopia and Kenya. Support was given for food security meeting held in Nairobi in December (activities funded under the Horn of Africa food security programme). During the meeting, the outgoing Food Security Working Group team leader called for more commitment from the participating national societies and the Federation in order to strengthen the Working Group. A new team leader and a deputy were elected to steer the team forward. Their roles and those of the member societies were reviewed. Geneva based staff from the food security and nutrition unit attended the meeting to discuss the work plan and training schedules for 2006.
- Support was given for the regional contribution to a one day food security donor meeting in Geneva, where the Ethiopian Red Cross Society and the Eritrea Red Cross Society were represented. A briefing paper on food security threats and responses was prepared.

Contingency planning for political disturbances and population movements

- A mission to support the Uganda Red Cross Society in their contingency planning exercise with other key organizations was carried out, and technical input provided to the government of Uganda and Uganda Red Cross Society to prepare a contingency plan for the May 2006 presidential election.
- Preparations were made for an assessment mission to Burundi to increase the preparedness for possible increased population movements back to Burundi. The mission is now planned for January.
- The disaster management (DM) department was represented at the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Workshop organised by UNOCHA and the Scenario Development Workshop for the Great Lakes Region in December.

Floods and cyclones preparedness

- At a Floods and Cyclones Working Group meeting in Mauritius in November 2005, national society staffs from flood prone national societies were trained in disaster risk reduction (the event was funded under the tsunami programme). The workshop was also an occasion to identify members of the Floods and Cyclone Working Group as well as compile the Terms of Reference for the Working Group.

Vulnerability capacity assessments (VCA)

- The Red Cross Society of Eritrea VCA exercise planned for November was postponed for 2006.
- The DM department participated in a meeting with British Red Cross consultant, Renny Nancholas, Somalia delegation, OCHA and UNDP concerning the Federation's technical assistance to the State government of Puntland in Somalia to develop a disaster management plan.
- Support was given to the Mauritius Red Cross Society to elaborate a disaster preparedness strategy. Meetings were held with the National Disaster Management Committee, Meteorological Organisation, NGOS, Red Cross volunteers and communities at risk in Rodrigues and local government in Rodrigues.

This provided background information to prepare for more vulnerability assessments mainly of secondary hazards, identify tasks for vulnerability reduction and organisation for clear identification on roles.

- During a mission to the Comoros Red Crescent Society contacts were established with national early warning system institutions and the civil protection management unit. The integration of national society disaster management plans into national plans was proposed.
- A mission was prepared to Djibouti in January to support the national society in their interaction with the government disaster management planning process to identify their disaster preparedness strategy.

Regional disaster response capacities are reinforced and national capacities strengthened in Eritrea and Mauritius

- The DM department conducted the fourth annual Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training (a refresher course) for 22 participants from 8 national societies. The course was hosted by the Tanzania Red Cross Society. Facilitators from the British Red Cross, the operations support division, Geneva and a needs assessment consultant sponsored by the Swedish Red Cross joined the DM and health and care departments. The training agenda included harmonising the RDRT/FACT learning approach to handling disasters, reviewing the draft RDRT review report and testing the Federation Needs Assessment training guidelines.
- The Red Cross Society of Eritrea was assisted in their National Disaster Response Team training in November. An RDRT member from the Sudanese Red Crescent Society provided support in the training while the DM logistics unit and the Kenya Red Cross Society facilitated.

Knowledge-sharing and skills transfer

- The DM department held the annual planning meeting for the RC-Net Sub-group for Disaster Management from 31 October to 2 November. This meeting drew together the DM focal points for all national societies except for Madagascar. Key subjects addressed were community based disaster risk reduction, early warning, logistics standardisation and disaster response coordination. Working groups for floods and cyclones, food security, RDRT, population movement and disaster preparedness policy/planning/VCA also met to redefine their work plans and membership. Dr. Kiflemariam Andemariam completed his 2 years as RC-Net Chairman and Ms. Marie Antoinette Uwimana from the Rwanda Red Cross Society was elected as chairperson.

Integration of disaster preparedness and response with other regional programmes

- The DM department participated in the RC-Net Communication Forum in Burundi and gave a presentation on disaster risk management and the role of the Federation, and promoted community based risk reduction strategies.
- A DM and health and care unit team undertook a mission to Comoros to review and provide technical support to the risk reduction project implementation.
- The DM department assisted the health and care unit to organize a one day consultation on Avian Influenza in Nairobi for national society representatives. The regional response plans were elaborated.

Network with external key organisations

- The 'World Disasters Report' was launched by the regional delegation in Nairobi at the Hilton Hotel in October. Members of the press and media, diplomatic community, government of Kenya, humanitarian agencies and Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement attended.
- The DM department participated in a meeting organized by International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) on early warning systems.
- The DM department represented the Secretariat, disaster preparedness and response department at the Inter Agency Task Force for Disaster Reduction - Working Group on Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction in October at UNEP in Nairobi. This working group developed terms of reference for 12 months under the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) that will ensure that environmental concerns are appropriately integrated in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2010 (HFA).
- The DM coordinator co-chaired the Inter-Agency Working Group on Disaster Preparedness meetings in October and December.

Co-ordination, training and technical support to national societies

- A fleet assessment was conducted for the Red Cross Society of Eritrea vehicles and a logistics training course for staff facilitated.
- A mission was undertaken to Mauritius to assess the options for establishing a regional warehouse for support to the Indian Ocean Islands and southern Africa (activities funded from the tsunami budget).
- The logistics unit assisted in the valuation of a vehicle of the East African sub-regional office in Uganda in preparation for disposal.
- Meetings were held with the Dubai Fleet Base Delegate concerning possible pre-positioning of vehicles in Kenya and the Swedish Red Cross deputy Secretary General and head of organisational development.
- The logistics unit was represented at a two day demonstration of humanitarian supply chain software, which has been developed by the Fritz Institute, targeting the humanitarian aid agencies.
- A regional logistics workshop was organized in August 005 in Nairobi. The warehouse rental and pre positioning of 10,000 family kits was done.

Impact

- During the annual planning meeting for the RC-Net Sub-Group for Disaster Management the DM programmes of national societies showed considerable development over last year.
- RDRT training resulted in deployments to Sudan. Close working relationships derived through RDRT and regional task forces promoted better integration.
- Good regional interagency networks resulted in strong support for the launch of the World Disaster's Report.
- Kenya Red Cross staff are more involved in the facilitation of technical training and missions such as the Kenya Red Cross Society's logistics mission to Eritrea, the Sudanese Red Crescent Society's support to the Red Cross Society of Eritrea National Disaster Response Team training and the Somali Red Crescent Society's facilitation at the floods and cyclone meeting in Mauritius.

Constraints

- The senior disaster management officer, died in a car accident in Kenya in October 2005. The food security officer resigned in December and the DM programme officer was seriously ill in mid December 2005. Due to the situation, an assistant has been recruited to assist the DM coordinator on a part time basis.
- Security issues have also demanded significant time and energy to address.
- The DM department still has a good morale and functions well in spite of three new team members requiring support to settle into their roles.

Humanitarian values

Goal: Red Cross Red Crescent Principles and Humanitarian Values are known and respected throughout the region; discrimination against vulnerable groups is reduced.

Objective: The regional information unit developed the potential of the Communications Forum to respond to humanitarian emergencies; increased the capacity of its national societies to promote Red Cross Red Crescent principles and humanitarian values in the East African region; increased tolerance, and reduced vulnerability through anti-stigma and anti-discrimination campaigns.

Progress/Achievements:

Developing national societies' information units' capacity

- The World Disasters Report was launched by the regional delegation at the Hilton hotel on 6 October. Members of the press and media, diplomatic community, government of Kenya, humanitarian agencies and RC/RC movement gathered to hear speeches by the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the President, the Secretary General of the Kenya Red Cross Society and the acting head of regional delegation. A video of the report and slides of the tsunami were also shown. The event was organised by the DM department and the outgoing information officer. The focus of the World Disaster Report, in its 13th year of publication, was 'Information in Disasters'.

Visibility of Red Cross/Red Crescent campaigns, events and programmes

- The RC-Net Annual Communication Forum with the theme “*Communication during Disasters and Conflicts*” is currently taking place in Bujumbura, Burundi from 17 to 20 October, and will be attended by communicators from the 13 national societies, representatives and facilitators from the Federation, ICRC and national societies working internationally.

Organizational development

Goal: Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies maintain a high profile in responding to the needs of the most vulnerable.

Objective: national societies have the necessary structures and systems in place to respond to clearly identified needs.

Progress/Achievements

- The lack of an organisational development delegate in the regional delegation continues to negatively impact the effective and efficient implementation of this programme. Nevertheless, the recruitment efforts have been intensified, and it is hoped that the position will be filled in due course.

Coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships

Goal: To establish an effective coordination and cooperation role for the regional delegation and to ensure the implementation of strategic partnerships in the region.

Objective: The regional delegation effectively executes its role in coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships both at regional and sub-regional level and is acknowledged by all national societies in the region.

Progress/Achievements

Development and updating of CAS documents

- The Eritrean, Ethiopian and Somali national societies have developed their CAS documents. The national societies of Sudan, Burundi, Tanzania, Djibouti, Madagascar and Comoros are receiving support to prepare their CAS documents.

Documentation and common use of cooperation agreements

- A movement coordinators’ meeting, in which three movement coordinators from Indonesia, Sri-Lanka and the regional delegation participated, was held in Nairobi from 27-29 June 2005. The primary concern was how the Federation can remain responsive, flexible and effective in meeting the needs and aspirations of the membership and the vulnerable people it serves both today and in decades to come in a dynamic and constantly changing world. The group also discussed at the kind of tools and guidelines that could be developed for rapid cooperation and coordination response. The group agreed to meet in six months time to engage itself in a similar brainstorming session on cooperation/coordination and further exploring developments from the field.
- The Secretary General of the Federation, Mr. Markku Niskala, visited the Sudanese Red Crescent Society from 6 to 16 October 2005. He was accompanied by senior leaders and chief executive officers of national societies of Africa, Europe, America and Asia. Other participants included the acting Head of Sudan delegation and the regional movement coordinator. A one day Sudan support meeting was held on 4 November 2005 and the meeting agreed on the need to establish a sub-delegation in the South reporting directly to the Head of Sudan Delegation.
- During the month of September, the movement coordinator met with all partner national societies based at the regional delegation and had a very fruitful discussion on the draft integration agreement which will enable the national societies to enjoy all the benefits and privileges generating from the status agreement signed between the Federation and the government of Kenya.

- Partnership meetings were held during the month of October for the Burundian, Ethiopian, Kenyan, Tanzanian and Ugandan national societies.

Regular RC-Net meetings

- The RC-Net annual governance and management meeting was held on 24 June 2005 and the major highlight was the discussion held on the Seville Agreement. It was attended by all 14 national societies.
- A RC-Net committee meeting was on 25 August 2005 and the agenda points included the Standing Commission Working Group and preparation for the General Assembly in Seoul. The Chairman, Mr. Alphonse Kalinganire, was not present at the meeting since he is no longer the Secretary General for the Rwanda Red Cross Society. Mr. Patrice Pellegrin of the Mauritius Red Cross Society was chosen as the interim Chairperson for the RC-Net.
- During the General Assembly in Seoul, the RC-Net met to discuss the new chairmanship of RC-Net, the revival of two sub-committees, strategic development and resource mobilisation, the Pan African Coordination Team (PACT) focal points, and the new operational model and decentralisation in East Africa. Mr. Apollinaire Karamaga, the acting Secretary General of the Rwanda Red Cross Society is the new Chair for the remaining period of the present mandate of the RC-Net committee. All the countries that were present nominated a focal point for PACT.
- A one day sub-regional meeting for the Horn of Africa and Indian Ocean Islands was held on 2 November 2005. The main purpose of the meeting was to familiarise the participants with the agenda points of the Seoul General Assembly.
- A course on negotiations skills was conducted in Nairobi from 28 to 30 November and 2 to 4 December 2005, in English and French respectively. The course was organized to assist national societies improve and build their capacity to better manage partnerships through the development of their negotiation skills.

Impact

- The negotiations skills course was piloted with leaders from 12 national societies in East Africa and senior bilateral and multilateral delegates with an impressive success rate. The course contributed towards strengthening the components of the Movement and provided critical membership services by strengthening governance and management capabilities adding to the Movement's comparative advantage.

Constraints

- Although it was expected that there would be some progress made towards signing the integration agreement, it has not been realised as Geneva has yet to finalise negotiations with partner national societies' headquarters.

Effective representation and advocacy

Goal: Effective advocacy, communications and external relations is maintained at regional level.

Objective: The regional delegation establishes strategic alliances and partnerships with external partners, influences decision making processes at national and international level, facilitates the promotion and implementation by national societies of resolutions of the International Conference, and increases the visibility and profile of national societies in setting the humanitarian agenda in the region.

Progress/Achievements

Establishment of global or regional cooperation agreements

- As part of the global Federation and International Olympic Committee (IOC) partnership, a meeting was held with the Kenya Red Cross Society and the National Olympic Committee (NOC). This meeting explored modalities for partnership between the Kenya Red Cross Society and NOC in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support activities targeting the youth and sporting community, and agreed on the development of a concept note - by a taskforce selected from the meeting - for presentation to IOC.

Representation of the Federation during important events

- The DM department represented the Secretariat, disaster preparedness and response department at the Inter Agency Task Force for Disaster Reduction - Working Group on Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction in October at UNEP in Nairobi. This working group developed terms of reference for 12 months under the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) that will ensure that environmental concerns are appropriately integrated in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2010 (HFA).

International disaster response

Goal: To respond in an effective and timely manner to rapid, slow-onset and ‘forgotten’ disasters in line with the Seville Agreement and within the capacity of the affected national societies, the regional and the international resources of the Federation.

Objective: To build and maintain capacity at the regional delegation and national societies’ levels to provide effective early warning, disaster assessment and disaster response and coordination at regional and international level with the Secretariat in Geneva.

Progress/Achievement

Tracking of emerging disasters in the region

- The security situation for the Ethiopia and Eritrea border was closely monitored and contingency planning done with the national societies. An alert was later posted on DMIS following the rising tension on the border and subsequent movement of refugees across to East Sudan.
- The Karthala volcano erupted for the second time this year on 24 November, spilling ashes over the south part of Grand Comoros Island and the Comoros capital, Moroni. The DM department provided the Comoros Red Crescent Society and PIROI with technical information on the impact of volcanoes and thermo satellites pictures from international scientific institutions. An information bulletin was posted on 7 December (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts05/km051207.pdf).
- Possible outbreaks of famine were detected in the Somali region of Ethiopia and northern Tanzania and the relevant national societies asked to monitor the situation. Some tree locusts were also reported in the Afar region of Ethiopia. The Ethiopian Red Cross Society was put on the alert to continue to monitor the situation.

Implementation of timely and appropriate assessments

- Terms of reference, a briefing paper and an RDRT alert for team members for a returnee assessment to southern Sudan were organised. Two RDRT members from the Rwanda Red Cross Society and the Uganda Red Cross Society were accepted to be part of the assessment in Sudan from. A FACT team, including a Returnees Assessment Team and an Operational Team, was deployed from 8 November to Sudan. The DM coordinator led this team and then as no replacement could be found, a second mission was made from 11 December 2005.
- The Tanzanian Red Cross Society made an assessment of the impact of the earthquake in Kigoma region. Preparations have been made for the assessment and operation set up regarding the population movement in Burundi. Meetings with the Burundi Red Cross Society and UN agencies have been conducted and final terms of reference agreed, and three team members identified.

Coordination of regional and international disaster response resources

- In response to the flooding in Darfur and Khartoum in Sudan a DREF application of CHF 200,000 was facilitated in August (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts05/sd050927.pdf). The Sudanese Red Crescent Society was assisted to access CHF 200,000 in December to provide a response to a Yellow Fever outbreak that killed 121 people in the state of South Kordofan (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05ME068.pdf). A DREF allocation of CHF 500,000 was processed and a preliminary emergency appeal for CHF 8,383,957 launched on 7 November for the Sudan returnees’ situation (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA025.pdf). The FACT Team in Sudan assisted the Sudanese Red Crescent Society and the Sudan delegation to draft a plan of action, establish a base in Juba and initiate an operation to provide ambulance services and non food items in Juba. Non food items (4,800 pieces of laundry soap, 945 cartons of kitchen sets, 2,400 collapsible jerry cans,

1,200 mosquito nets and 3,600 blankets) from the regional disaster preparedness stock were airlifted to Southern Sudan, as well as equipment for the Juba branch including 30KVA and 2KVA generators and two Thuraya satellite phones.

- A DREF request was secured for CHF 31,363 in December to provide non-food items and support the reconstruction of both damaged and destroyed houses for those affected by an earthquake in Kigoma, Tanzania (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05ME075.pdf).
- The Kenya Red Cross Society received DREF allocations of CHF 200,000 and CHF 427,808 to respond to the Marsabit conflict and severe drought in July and December respectively (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05ME045.pdf and http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05ME076.pdf), following which an emergency appeal for the Kenya drought was launched in January 2006 (Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRKE001.pdf). Coordination with Geneva's procurement department was initiated for the procurement of 135,300 sachets of water purification powder for the Kenya Red Cross Society.
- The third food consignment of the 2005 Eritrean drought emergency operation was procured. So far, the 3 phases of procurement comprise of 3,957.55 metric tonnes of wheat, 329.65 metric tonnes of lentils, 253.29 metric tonnes of oil and 16.50 metric tonnes of salt. Procurement was initiated for 300 soil erosion gabions for the Red Cross Society of Eritrea valued at USD 36,000. First aid kits were purchased for the national society.
- 10,000 long lasting impregnated mosquito nets and 100 first aid bags were flown to the Comoros Red Crescent Society.
- Mosquito nets, first aid kits and a Nissan double cabin were dispatched to the Djibouti Red Crescent Society.
- The procurement process for water testing kits for the Kinshasa delegation was begun.

Maintenance of good coordination

- The regional delegation was represented during a meeting with the Burundi Red Cross Society, partner national societies and the ICRC in Bujumbura to provide technical advice to the national society in defining priority interventions to prepare for the repatriation of refugees from Tanzania. The DM department was represented at a meeting by the Kenya Food Security Steering Group to review the drought situation in Kenya and to map the way forward.

Maximization of organisational learning

- Lessons learned from the RDRT deployment to Ethiopia were shared during the RDRT training. The review of the RDRT was carried out and an action plan prepared.
- The DM department contributed to the real time evaluation of the tsunami programme.

Impact

- The number of disasters, and their severity, are increasing, notably food insecurity that is affecting many countries in the region. This is combined with significant improvements in the disaster management capacities of national societies and their good cooperation with the regional delegation to make very high demands and expectations for assistance from the DM and programme departments.
- Presentations and working sessions at the RDRT training, logistics workshop and annual planning meeting with national society disaster management staff have led to a clearer understanding of the value of and procedures for the use of Federation disaster response tools such as DREF, minor emergency bulletins (now DREF bulletins), emergency appeals, FACT, RDRT and DMIS.
- More national societies are posting DMIS bulletins themselves or giving concise information such as the Sudanese, Rwandan and Ethiopian national societies.

Constraints

- Shortage of FACT team leaders necessitated the deployment of the DM coordinator for 2 FACT missions over a period of one month to Sudan. Recruitment difficulties have led to the suspension of the Sudan returnees operation after the departure of the FACT team in mid December.

- The limited surge capacity of delegations and sub-regional offices has required the department to step in to support delegations in the region to provide a level of assistance that is beyond what should be expected.

Governance support

Goal: To support members of the constitutional forum to contribute effectively to the governance of the Federation and the Movement as a whole.

Objective: To improve the communication with members of the Board and Commissions specifically in issues concerning the region.

Progress/Achievements

Regular contacts with board and commission members

- Reports from proceedings of the annual General Assembly of the RC-NET, the governance and management meetings were shared with board and commission members.
- The Head of the East Africa sub-regional office provided technical advice to the Vice President and acting President of the Rwanda Red Cross Society related to the recruitment process of a Secretary General for the national society.
- The head of the East Africa sub-regional office represented the Federation Secretariat in the recruitment process of a new Secretary General in Uganda Red Cross.
- The Head of the regional delegation and the head of the Indian Ocean islands sub-regional office worked intensively together with the head of the Africa department and a Special representative to achieve an agreement with the government of Madagascar to reinstate the national society structures according to Movement international statutes.
- Continuous support to and cooperation with the PACT chair in relation to monitoring and evaluation of the Algiers plan of action.
- Facilitation and assistance towards development of “One Year After” publication to account for activities undertaken by the national societies of the East Africa region.

Facilitation of preparatory meetings

- A preparatory meeting on the third emblem, attended by the Eritrean head of Geneva mission, was held from 12 to 13 September 2005. This led to the joint ICRC/Federation mission to promote the Diplomatic Conference, the third emblem and clarify the status of the Eritrean government’s recognition of the Red Cross Society of Eritrea was held from 1 to 2 November 2005.
- A leadership development event was organised for the five East Africa sub-region national societies in November, whose programme included a dialogue and orientation programme with respect to preparations for the Seoul General Assembly and statutory meetings.
- The regional delegation hosted, on behalf of the Horn of Africa sub-region, a governance and management meeting to prepare for the General Assembly and the Council of Delegates. The main issues from the meetings included the nomination of candidates to the Finance Commission and the governing board of the Federation. During the Assembly, representatives from the Ethiopian Red Cross Society and the Seychelles Red Cross Society were elected to the Finance Commission, and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society was elected to the Federation governing board.
- A special meeting in relation to the situation in Sudan in preparation for the Seoul General Assembly was also prepared by the regional delegation’s Movement coordination.

Constraints

- The unavailability of the Eritrean government representatives delayed the process leading to the joint ICRC/Federation mission.

Delegation management

Goal: The regional delegation’s structure and processes are improved to support the implementation of the foregoing objectives

Objective: To maintain an efficient and service-oriented infrastructure to facilitate the staff of the Federation to work effectively, to maintain an effective structure of communications with sub-regional offices and the National Societies in the region, to recruit and employ highly skilled national and international staff, to create staff-on-loan positions in the region and to render services to partner national societies wanting to have a presence in the region.

Progress/Achievements

Financial unit

- The performance of the finance unit steadily improved in the second half of 2005 despite the fact that the regional tsunami appeal of CHF 8.8 million considerably increased funds under management.
- The local procurement unit was merged into the finance structure to improve internal controls and allow efficient exchange of information and interaction between finance and procurement.
- Long overdue reconciliations and write-offs of balance sheet items were cleared and the timeliness of financial reporting steadily improved during the year.

Administrative unit

- Security was considerably enhanced at the regional delegation. All staff were issued employee cards to be carried for identification. Thorough screening of vehicles and registration of all visitors enhanced security of all employees and legitimate visitors. Remote push buttons (panic buttons) were installed in delegates' residences, particularly for female delegates living alone, and all delegates were strongly encouraged to subscribe to a security 911 mobile telephone service.
- Qualified staff were recruited to fill key positions within the administration unit including travel services and reception.

IT and telecom systems

- The regional delegation internet connection was upgraded from 128kb/s to 256kb/s enabling more efficient communication and access to web based programmes.
- An additional server was installed to host the active directory service. Overall network security was improved with firewall and no access to servers by external users, in addition to the enhancement of desktop and laptop personal user security.
- All email accounts of the regional delegation were successfully migrated from 'ccmail' to 'lotus notes' enabling access to the email accounts while travelling.

Human resources unit

- A new human resource manager was recruited to the regional delegation.
- The salary survey initiated during the first half of 2005 was completed. Based on the recommendations in the survey, the regional delegation job classifications for local staff were aligned to ensure job grading based on the level of responsibility and that employment terms and conditions are in line both within the Red Cross Movement as well as in relation to other comparable organisations.
- The staff rules and regulations for locally employed staff were reviewed and updated.
- All eligible employees were offered an opportunity to change their employment contracts from open ended to limited period thereby also gaining access to the payment of gratuity that is otherwise only paid at the end of the employment. (Federation recruitment procedures for field delegations stipulate limited time period employment contracts only.)
- A training policy was developed and came into effect in January 2006, through which employees are encouraged to further advance their education and knowledge. According to the policy the regional delegation financially supports training fees up to CHF 2,000 per employee per year.

Partner national societies and regional units

- The Red Cross Movement integration agreement developed for the tsunami operation in Indonesia was adapted and tailor made, by the legal unit in Geneva, to the conditions as set out in the status agreement between the Government of Kenya and the Federation. The support services unit continues to provide services to the American, French, Netherlands, Norwegian and German partner national societies present in Kenya while the negotiations around the integration agreement are slowly progressing towards signing.

- Services mainly in relation to travel are also provided to the national societies in the region as well as the sub-regional and country delegations.

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DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2,407,571	TOTAL COVERAGE 93.1%	
OPENING BALANCE				493,486		
AUSTRIAN - RC		1,035	EUR	1,662	03.10.05	WATSAN ACP BID
BRITISH - RC		75,000	GBP	163,575	02.02.05	RDRT TRAINING & REVIEW, DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME, HEALTH & CARE
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				303,000	01.01.05	DISASTER MANAGEMENT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, REG. COOPERATION
BRITISH - RC		5,000	GBP	11,300	16.06.05	HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP
BRITISH - RC		5,000	GBP	11,370	01.11.05	SECURITY MANAGEMENT
DANISH - RC				1,600	22.09.05	EU ACP WATER FACILITY PROGRAMME ERITREA
DJIBOUTI - RC				1,000	11.05.05	RC-NET
ETHIOPIA - RC		6,689	ETB	1,000	05.07.05	RC-NET
FINNISH - RC				38,503	24.06.05	DELEGATE
FRENCH - GOVT		2,678,571	KES	46,875	03.10.05	REG. HEALTH ADVISOR
FRENCH - GOVT		2,187,500	KES	38,281	03.10.05	CONSULTANCY WORK
JAPANESE - RC		56,964	USD	112,531	18.10.05	HEALTH & CARE
MAURITIUS - RC		757	USD	974	25.07.05	RC-NET
NETHERLANDS - RC		6,000	EUR	9,300	14.09.05	ICASA CONFERENCE
NETHERLANDS - RC		1,037	EUR	1,603	22.11.05	WATSAN-ACP BID
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1,100,000	NOK	218,350	17.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		2,000	USD	2,624	01.11.05	UGANDA RCS BEST PRACTICE MANUAL
RWANDAN - RC		843	USD	1,050	17.06.05	RC NET
SWEDISH - RC		27,500	USD	31,130	17.02.05	LOCAL CAPACITY FORUM
SWEDISH - GOVT		2,585,000	SEK	442,035	26.04.05	HUMANITARIAN VALUES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT, HEALTH & CARE, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COORDINATION/ IMPLEMENTATION
SWEDISH - RC		15,000	USD	19,200	18.07.05	LOCAL CAPACITY FORUM
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,950,449	CHF	81.0%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

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FINLAND	DELEGATE(S)			58,400		

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IRELAND	DELEGATE(S)			18,000		
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			90,600		
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			73,000		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			51,200		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				291,200	CHF	12.1%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	