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**This report covers the  
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to 31 December 2012.**

*A volunteer of Dominican Red Cross takes  
a sample for water quality testing. Source:  
DRC*



## Overview

After all the work and proven experience of the Dominican Red Cross (DRC) during the cholera outbreak operation in 2011, in March 2012 with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the DRC developed activities in response to the new outbreak in the country, reaching a total of 3,373 families.

At the end of August 2012, the effects of Tropical Storm Isaac were felt in the southwest of the country, 5,029 homes were reported as flooded, 280 had partial damages, and 55 were destroyed or severely affected. For the response was approved a Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Dominican Red Cross (DRC) in delivering immediate assistance to some 12,500 beneficiaries.

The same mechanism was used to respond to affected families by the effects of Huracan Sandy. This DREF operation is supporting a total of 900 families affected in the provinces of Azua, Barahona, San Cristóbal and Santo Domingo providing immediate relief items including hygiene kits and mosquito nets, as well as a shelter kit to 100 targeted families who have lost their homes.

Currently the main focus of work of the DRC still focuses on working in disaster response, however there is still much work to do from the standpoint of the three key pillars that for the development of the DRC. These three pillars would be: the internal and external communication, application of a resource mobilization strategy and the formulation of a bi-national plan of action based on the bilateral agreement of cooperation with the Haiti Red Cross Society (HRCS).

## Working in partnership

The IFRC has a regional representation in the Dominican Republic, where the Spanish Red Cross office and the regional office of the German Red Cross. Others are also located. National Societies provide programme support, such as the Canadian Red Cross in response and preparedness. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) covers the Dominican Republic through its office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

In terms of cooperation between National Societies, the Haitian Red Cross is an important partner with which the DRC maintains a bilateral cooperation agreement.

The Dominican Red Cross is well integrated into the national Civil Defense System and has a seat in all governmental cooperation and development forums linked to its humanitarian mandate.

The National Society is a member of the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team, together with the International Federation, and maintains good technical cooperation relations with all international NGOs in-country (e.g. Oxfam, Plan International, amongst others).

Regular meetings are held amongst all of these actors, in particular during crises and disasters. Looking ahead, it is important for such coordination to be extended to the areas of development, and strengthening of National Society organizational capacity.

Operational Partners	Agreement
Spanish Red Cross	bilateral cooperation agreement
German Red Cross	bilateral cooperation agreement
Haitian Red Cross	bilateral cooperation agreement
Canadian Red Cross	First Response Initiative project
ECHO	DIPECHO VIII

## Progress towards outcomes

### Business Line I: Humanitarian Diplomacy

**Outcome 1.1:** The Red Cross is better positioned to lead and demonstrate the Federation-wide contribution to reducing vulnerability, the exposure to risks and the ability of most vulnerable people to deal with their daily challenges; and capture learning and knowledge management to improve the quality of Red Cross work.

#### Output 1.1.1: Humanitarian access is addressed through learning and action:

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. 120 members of the Dominican RC have been trained to greater understanding, dissemination and application of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values in the actions of the National Society.	0	120	As least 4 activities sponsored by IFRC with the DRC have included a training session in Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values.
2. During 2012, the Dominican RC makes advocacy actions with national agencies for the elaboration of laws	0	1	The DRC has signed a MoU for the execution of the project, in April 2011 they received a first funds transfers (CHF 13,305)

by using IDRL guidelines.			in accordance with the MoU.
3. The totality of the DRC branches senior staff (150) are aware of the 2002 DRR law 147-2 and its consequences in the daily Disaster Risk Management work.	0	150	No progress . This is considered to be included in operational plan 2013.
4. The local authorities where the 150 RC branches are geographically positioned, are being informed and sensibilised of their DRR mandate through the law 147-2.	0	150	In the scenario of the Urban Risk Forum, held in Santo Domingo in October , 50 participants from 20 institutions and ONGs were addressed with sharing of DRM tools and the Law 147-2.
5. 20 institutions in the country are met bilaterally by the senior DRC executive and sensibilised by the law 147-2. The DRC DRR plan is being shown to the institutions as a path to follow.	0	20	In the scenario of the Urban Risk Forum, held in Santo Domingo in October , 50 participants from 20 institutions and ONGs were addressed with sharing of DRM tools and the Law 147-2.

**Output 1.1.3. Urban risk reduction, climate change adaptation, migration and violence prevention, non-communicable diseases are better understood and promoted within National Societies:**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012 The active participation of Dominican Red Cross in activities that include these humanitarian trends, shows how the NS is prepared to integrated this knowledge in the differents programs.	0	1	The Dominican RC has participated in the Regional Seminar on Seismic Risk Reduction on the 8th – 10th 2012. Participation of the DG of Dominican RC in the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 6), jointly organised by UN-Habitat, the Italian Government, the Campania Region and the City of Naples, took place in Naples, Italy, on 1-6 September 2012. At October was held in DR a Regional Forum in Urban Risk, with participation of 4 NS of RC, 1 PNS, ONGs, and government. (see report of the Forum).
2. 4 programs of the Dominican RC value in the volume of participation and working with the migrant population.	0	4	One proposal on this approach was elaborate by Dominican Red Cross with colaboration of Spanish RC, even this proposal has not obtained fundraising yet. THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PLANNING 2013.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

The DRC has signed an MoU for the execution of the project to Improve the legal framework for international humanitarian assistance . In April 2012 they received a first funds tranfers in accordance with the MoU, to hire an Advisor as part of the consultation of the disaster law in DR.

At the end of 2012, the DRC couldn't complete the activities proposed in the implementation of the project, which will have to be postponed for the next period.

**Outcome 1.2:** A system for research, education, learning and knowledge-sharing initially focusing on urban risk reduction, climate change adaptation, migration issues, and violence prevention enhances the understanding of these trends in the context of the Red Cross, as well as the capacity to address them.

**OUTPUT 1.2.1.** Federation-wide Reporting System and the databank are established in the National Societies of Americas

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012, The Dominican RC has completed requirements of Federation Wide Reporting System	0	1	The DRC did not identify a focal point on this theme, but this year's report covers 7 indicators of FWRS, through the DFID questionnaire, as it was a requirement of the IDRL project.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The designation of one staff as a focal point for FWRS of DRC is pending. This person will lead the process and receive the capacities and support to complement the requirements to load the information to the global system. However the report of the FWRS indicators presented for the DFID questionnaire shows that the DRC is ready to complete the information in the system.

**OUTPUT 1.2.2** All National Societies in the Americas provide a minimum set of information: audited annual reports and strategic plans

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The Dominican RC has strategic plan and operational planning aligned with S2020 and IAC	1	1	At the end of the year, the DRC had a first meeting to elaborate a draft of the strategy aligned with the Interamerican Framework for Action. The meeting has the participation of staff of the DRC HQ in representation of all the programmes and working areas of the National Society.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The DRC participated in Inter-American Conference. This event gave the NS additional inputs to elaborate the strategic plan 2012-2016 in alignment with the S2020 and the commitments of the Conference. As mentioned above, during December 2012, the Dominican RC has a first meeting to elaborate a draft of the strategy aligned with the Interamerican Framework for Action

**Outcome 1.3:** The use of Federation-wide assessment tools, furthering the understanding of the collective impact of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is promoted.

**OUTPUT 1.3.1 Organisational Capacity Assessment and certification (OCAC) process established**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. At the end of 2012 , the National Society has improved its organizational capacities previous to starts with the OCAC process.	0	1	One person of the DRC has participated in the OCAC workshop facilitator. However, the date to start the phase 1 of OCAC is still not defined.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

The DRC is interested in participating in the OCAC process as soon as possible, as expressed by the DRC director general. The IFRC country office will keep monitoring the situation and providing support as necessary.

**Outcome 1.4: The professional qualifications and competencies of the Red Cross volunteers and staff are strengthened, enabling National Societies to take the lead in addressing new risks and vulnerabilities**

**Output 1.4.1. The capacity of the National Societies to provide professional qualifications and competences to volunteers and staff at all levels is strengthened**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012, the responsible of Human Resources is included in HR Network and they have adopted best practices and policies in HR administration.	0	1	The HR management at the DRC is willing and ready to implement the best practices and lessons learned. At the moment, the DRC is working on a plan for 2013 to ensure the application of those improvements within the National Society.
2. Increased the number of registering at the learning platform in 45% compared with 2011.	90	150	Every meeting and workshop included a session to encourage the participants to promote, register and use the Learning Platform, and complete the basic courses on it. At end of 2012 there was a reflected increase in 60% on the users registered, in relation with the end of 2011.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

Every meeting or workshop is included a session to encourage the participants to promote, register and use the Learning Platform, and complete as least the basic courses on it. (WORC, CoC, Basic Course of Volunteering.)

**Business Line II: DISASTER AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT**

**Outcome 2.1:** Red Cross National Societies, through their network of branches, have enabled communities to better understand trends (urban risk, climate change, migration and violence) that increase the impact of disasters and crisis in their lives, and to develop appropriate integrated responses.

**OUTPUT 2.1.1 Key humanitarian trends are integrated into disaster crisis plans and programmes**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The DRC applies tools and methodologies for community-based response and recovery and has shared results of best practices with other regions, and in accordance with humanitarian trends	0	1	The DRC implements Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA), Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (DANA), Community health and first aid (CHFA), in the community and supports the branches in the border with Haiti to share their experience with the HRCS.
2. The Dominican RC has updated the curricula of NITs for emergency water and sanitation taking into account the humanitarian tendencies.	1	1	No progress. This action will be reconsidered in the priorities of the DRC.
3. The Dominican CR has introduced and socialized their DRM policy	1	1	The DRC continues applying the above mentioned toolkits in the community and supporting the border branches to share their experience with the HRCS.

**Output 2.1.2: URBAN RISK approaches are adopted in disaster and crisis management**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The Dominican RC has 25 people trained in rescue in collapsed structures.	0	25	No progress. The training was postponed, as the priority of the DRC was to implement the pending workshops for the FRI projects.
2. The Dominican RC has 2 modules complete equipment for disaster assistance for collapse of structures.	0	2	No progress.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The DRC has an intensive work and presence inside the communities that allows for better preparation and understanding humanitarian trends addressed to the staff, volunteers and the community itself.

**Output 2.1.3: CLIMATE CHANGE adaptation is integrated into disaster and crisis management:**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012, the Dominican RC integrated approach to climate change in their risk management program.			No progress. The DRC decided to prioritize Urban Risk over climate change. However, the

			organization is interested in introducing this trend in their programmes.
2. The Dominican RC has 1 team to manage the information in cases of outbreaks of disease result from the effects of climate change.			The community health department carries out continuous prevention actions against epidemiological outbreaks, especially cholera. One person from the DRC staff has completed a health internship, and will support in implementation of the methodology and share knowledge inside the NS.

**Output 2.1.4: MIGRATION : Better Programming Initiatives mainstreamed in programming and services to communities of origin and host communities impacted by migration**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The Dominican RC improves its humanitarian action towards migrant groups and migrant communities in the border region of the country.			A proposal has been finalised and will be used for potential fundraising activities.

**Output 2.1.5: VIOLENCE PREVENTION is integrated into disaster and crisis management**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012, The Dominican Red Cross has applied a gender perspective in programs and projects	0	1 policy	A gender policy dhas been drafter but still needs approval from the National Society.
2. In 2012, 30 branches in provincial level have received material of the gender policy.	0	30	Not achieved. It is on hold until the approval of the gender policy.
3. At the end 2012, 20,000 young people are reached with sensibilisation in violance prevention	0	20,000	Trough the participation of the NS of the Regional Estrategy for violence prevention the Dominican RC reached up 400 persons (direct beneficiaries).

**Output 2.1.6: Increased the logistics capacity to deliver logistics services for preparedness and relief activities, connecting National Society assets where possible, and making it self-sustaining through promoting the effective functioning of the Federation**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The Dominican RC has 1 additional knowledge resource for the implementation of logistics practices of the Federation.	0	1	One person from the DRC participated ina logistics intership, and will enhance and apply good practices in warehouse management and logistics within the DRC.

## Comments on progress towards outcomes

The DRC keeps working in the promotion, and sensibilization of the population in cholera prevention, with the support of the IFRC secretariat focal points.

On 2012 the DRC prioritized urban risk, implementing advocacy and participating in forums and events that allowed to reflect the role of the organisation.

**Outcome 2.2:** An efficient and effective Red Cross disaster and crisis management system in the Americas will lead and inspire through strengthened capacity and coordination of all components focusing on increased shared operational responsibility with National Societies, improved mapping, the inclusion of innovative technology, creating new approaches and tools to address external trends, in the zone and improved early warning/early action.

**Output 2.2.1:** Humanitarian access is ensured as part of readiness for response and early action within an context of increased activity by military forces and corporate interests

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
A bilateral cooperation agreement is updated and signed between Dominican RC and Haitian RC	1	1 updated	No progress. A meeting with both National Societies is needed in order to draft a Plan of Action for bilateral cooperation.
The Dominican RC focuses all its programs in preparation for emergency response.	1	1	This indicator is strongly supported by the implementation of First Response Initiative(FRI), including more than 12 workshops in differents areas of the emergencies: (National Intervention Team, Shelter, Vulnerability and Capacities Assessment VCA), and micro projects planning for the communities, Volunteering in Emergencies).

## Comments on progress towards outcomes

To achieve the realisation of the plan of action for cooperation between Dominican and Haitian RC represents a breakthrough for humanitarian action of the RC in the border area, considering this cooperation as one of the pillars mentioned earlier in this document.

**Business Line III: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Outcome 3.1:** Red Cross National Societies, through their network of branches, demonstrate leadership through adopting policies, procedures and practices which promote social inclusion, non-discrimination and a culture of peace in their the manner in which work internally, with communities and with other beneficiary groups.

**Output 3.1.1:** National Society leadership and institutional capacity for partnership exist.

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In Q3 of 2012, NS staff (4) completing an online course with	0	4	This target was discarded after the DRC prioritized finance development, training

Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (2012Q3)			10 people from its staff in a workshop on IFRC financial system.
2. The DRC have a National Development plan 2012-2015, and it is shared in all branches.	1	1	The DRC is still drafting the National Strategy.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

Is a priority to conclude with the elaboration of the National Strategy Plan of the NS, having the alignment with the Interamerican framework for the dissemination of this strategy in the branches. 7 branches are working shyly with own plans but are not consistent because don't have reference to a high level of the objectives.

**Outcome 3.2:** Red Cross National Societies, through their network of branches, have enabled communities to better understand trends that impact their lives and take action to improve their health, safety, environmental and socioeconomic conditions.

**Output 3.2.1:** National Societies addressing major trends and challenges contributing to vulnerability.

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1 1,500 families have been reached in the community orientation of the main risks in disaster situations.	0	1500	The DRC has reached more than 2,000 families with activities of sensitization and preparedness through the execution of 2 DREF operations and a community preparedness project in the southern region.

**Output 3.2.2:** URBAN RISK is integrated into community-based development programme

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
3. Consulting to elaborate one case study about volunteering in urban settings in the DR.	0	1 study	No progress . It may be considered for next year, in accordance with DRC priorities.
4. The DRM program management of Dominican RC is improved and is updated in line with new trends	1	1	The DRC has worked at different levels with the trends (climate change, migration, urban risk and violence prevention) and their integration within its programmes and strategy.
5. The Dominican RC has a better understanding of management in urban risk context.	1	1	The DRC has a good understanding and makes advocacy among the components of the system in the importance of coordinate and integrate others sectors in the preparation to the risk in urban context.
6. The relationship of Dominican RC with government and local authorities is strengthened and	0	3 events	The DRC took advantage of an Urban Risk Forum held in the Dominican Republic as a chance to build a dialogue

participates in national and regional forums for coordination on urban risk .			and exchange knowledge based on national and international best practices in this issue.
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#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The IFRC country coordination office keeps supporting the DRC in the promotion of the four humanitarian trends inside the National Society, and in the development of proposals to integrate these trends within the work done by the DRC with communities.

Most of the work at this level should be directed towards empowering communities to become key actors and active participants, a role which will be highlighted during the next year.

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Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The volunteer plan 2012 its defined and approved by the NS.	0	1 plan	No progress yet. The National Society has not decided how to approach this target. It will be postponed until 2013.
2. At least 200 volunteers in branches have completed the online WORC course. (certificate)	0	200 volunteers	This has not yet been measured. Will be postponed to 2013.
3. The Database application system is in use and procedures in place.	0	1	Support in database management and best practices from other National Societies have been provided t theo DRC. The DRC still has to make a decision about which database solution they want to implement.
4. All ViE activities carry out according to proyect plan.	0	1	The DRC has received support for the activities planned within the FRI. In February 2012, a Volunteering in Emergencies (ViE) workshop was carried out. This workshop facilitated knowledge sharing about the importance of strengthening the work of volunteers during emergencies.
5. In 2012, the material of volunteering in emergencies has reached at least in 30 provincial branches.	0	30 branches	All available ViE amterials have been shared with the DRC, the monitoring of the roll-out to the branches is still pending.

6. In 2012, volunteer representatives have participated at least in 3 relevant events.	0	3 events	Three volunteers participated in a Youth as Agent for Behavior Change (YABC) conference in Haiti. The experience and knowledge acquired by these volunteers will help in share the contents with the DRC youth.
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#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The volunteer Development Plan will not be realized during the present year due to the lack of person responsible in the NS. A plan has been presented but there is no response as volunteering is the president's responsibility and she has other priorities.

Is pending to complete the adoption and contextualisation of the Volunteer Management Cycle. Although in past years as in 2012 the VMC was presented to the NS, it is necessary the continuous support and follow up to the implementation.

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Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012, 4 YOUTH (volunteers) representatives have participated at least in 2 relevant international events	0	2 events	Three youth volunteers participated in YABC conference in Haiti.
2. 60 Youth members in national level are trained in micro projects oriented to the communities with approach in social inclusion, gender, and violence prevention.	0	60 members	A total of 25 youths from the DRC have participated of the training and 23 of them with score of 80% and up.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The volunteer Development Plan will not be completed during 2012 due to the lack of a focal point in the DRC. A plan has been presented but there is no response as volunteering is in the senior management's responsibilities and other issues have been prioritized.

In May 2012, the NS completed the election process of the representative of Youth in the governing board.

### Business Line IV: HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY

**Outcome 4.1 National Society Leadership capacities are enhanced to use their auxiliary role to influence public policies and ensure they are seen as a credible and preferred source of information on humanitarian issues by the general public, media and other actors.**

### Output 4.1.2. IFRC in the Americas and the National Societies actively use social network capacities

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012, Dominican Red Cross has a functional website and is in use.	0	1 site	No progress yet. Will be postponed.
2. At the end 2012 , the Dominican RC has developed the Strategic Communication for external and internal communication	0	1 strategy	No progress yet. Will be postponed.
3. The NS has strengthened the communicators network and 28 people integrated this National Communication Network.	0	28 communicators	No progress yet. Will be postponed.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

Is required the restructuring of communication department in the Dominican RC to initiate toward that objective.

### Outcome 4.3: National Societies and donors invest increasing financial and human resources to improve National Societies' abilities to deliver internal support services as the way forward for providing strong programming.

#### Output 4.3.1. Resource mobilisation capacities and efforts of the National Societies are scaled up to inspire more reliable contributions to the Red Cross Red Crescent

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1 At the end of 2012 DRC has at least 2 new funding partners given implementation of the RM Plan.	0	2	No progress yet. Will be postponed.
2 In 2012, the Dominican RC has identified 5 institutions with whom are carried out cooperation plans for 2013.	0	5	No progress yet. Will be postponed.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The DRC is looking forward to scale up its resource mobilization (and relationship management actions), and will focus actions in this area during 2013.

## Business Line V: EFFECTIVE JOINT WORKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**Outcome 5.1** A knowledge network is established to provide a framework to disseminate innovations; promote horizontal cooperation and improve disaster response capacities in administration and finance, IT/Telecom, human resources, logistics and planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation.

**Output 5.1.2.** The National Societies in the Americas and the Secretariat successfully organised the XIX Inter-American Conference to define our key priorities and strategic orientations for the Americas over the next four years and follow up the outcomes

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The RRO has sponsored 3 people of the NS to assist to the IAC 2012	0	3	The DRC's delegation to the IAC had 10 members, who participated the different groups and working session of the conference.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The inputs obtained from the participation in the Inter-American Conference will be used to update the strategic plan of the National Society. This action will be supported by the IFRC country coordination office.

**Output 5.2.1 Peer-to-peer initiatives around support services (finance, administration, human resources and planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation) are promoted among National Societies and disseminated through the knowledge network.**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2. In 2012, the Dominican RC has improved the presentation of proposals of projects	0	10 proposal	After the PPP workshop the DRC staff and volunteers are aware of the guidelines and methodology used in project development.  An M&E workshop also took place in July, and included the 25 participants who completed the above mentioned course.
3. In 2012, the Dominican RC increased the number of reports from 30 branches which participated in the training.	0	30	This has been in progress since 2011. At the moment, the DRC is in the process of standirizing its templates.

**Output 5.4.1 National Societies in the Americas have a plan aligned with Strategy 2020 and report data on Federation wide reporting indicators:**

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The Dominican RC has a strategic 2012-2015 aligned with S2020 and IAC	1	1 update	A monitoring team is working with the first draft of the strategy, after the first meeting held with the representatives areas of the DRC
2. The Dominican RC could at least report on 1 FWRS indicator.			This year the DRC's report covers over 7 indicators of FWRS through the DFID questionnaire.

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The effect of the workshops was positive, as seen in one particular instance when participants from the workshops tender a proposal and won against 21 other organizations.

Reporting against FWRS indicators is coming along, but the DRC needs to dedicate a focal point towards this responsibility, followed up by appropriate training and support.

## Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
<p>Lack of financial resources for the sustainability of some programs and implementation of new initiatives.</p> <p>RC has acquired an increased the capacity of members in differents areas of the programs through training, specially with support of the Canadian Red Cross through the First Response Iniciative project.</p> <p>It has improved the public image of the Dominican CR, defining more clearly their identity to society. Adoption of a strategy for external and internal communication must be prioritized.</p>	<p>H</p> <p>M</p> <p>H</p>	<p>Explore the establishment of partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations. Implement a specific strategy for income generation and development of financial resources, to diversify funding and allows self-sustainability in the mid-term.</p> <p>Increase in number of projects proposed for support in obtaining financing, and develop the potentiality of the members.</p> <p>Develop a plan of human resource development, management and development of volunteering, allowing their continued training and active involvement in the life of the National Society.</p> <p>Increase the capacity of its communications department and define a strategy for both external and internal communication, projecting a consistent image of their activities on behalf of vulnerable people.</p>

## Lessons learned and looking ahead

The DRC has increased the capacities of it's staff and volunteers, as also achieved during the previous year. However there is still a need of improving and increasing the actions in three important issues: communications, resource mobilization and bi-lateral cooperation with the HRCS.

## Financial situation

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## How we work

All IFRC 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 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 nonviolence and peace.

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