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**This report covers the  
period 01/Jan/2012 to  
30/Jun/2012.**

*General Sergei Shoigu, then Minister for  
Emergencies, receives the "Golden  
Heart" Medal from Russian Red Cross  
President Raisa Lukutsova  
March 2012/EMERCOM*



## Overview

During the reporting period the IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow, with the support from the IFRC Europe Zone Office, continued to provide technical advice and assistance to the process of the Russian Red Cross's development in its new role of a Member of the IFRC Governing Board, having invested special efforts into several international and regional initiatives, chiefly in the sphere of migration and the promotion of the Russian language as the 5<sup>th</sup> working language of the Federation.

***The following major issues were focused on:***

- **Strengthening the dialogue between the Russian Red Cross and the Russian state authorities.** In the framework of the implementation of the resolution of the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the RCRC, the IFRC Moscow office facilitated a dialogue between the Russian RC and the Russian Government, aimed at increasing the legal base of the National Society with its auxiliary role to the Government as a leading national humanitarian organisation;
- **Enhancing the operational capacity of the Russian Red Cross** based on the priorities identified by Strategy 2020 of the Russian RC: a) Dissemination of International Red Cross Red Crescent Fundamental Principles and Values among staff, volunteers and the general population; b) Health & Care and social services with special focus on healthy life style, complex TB and Multi-Drug Resistant TB control actions, support for people living with HIV (PLWHIV), First Aid, and Child Protection; c) Disaster Preparedness and Response, based on the cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) at federal and regional levels; d) Migration, with special attention to anti-stigma and anti-discrimination as well as health and legal support to labour migrants; e) Blood donors` recruitment, youth and volunteers.

- **Support rendered to the organisational development of the Russian Red Cross** by starting the process of Organisational Capacity Assessment and Certification process led by the Geneva-based OCAC team, as well as increasing the technical knowledge and skills of staff and volunteers on program development;
- **Facilitation of Movement coordination**, aimed at targeted support to the Russian Red Cross according to its Strategy 2020;
- **Establishment of cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States.** The visit of Bekele Geleta, IFRC Secretary General, to St. Petersburg, Russia, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012, became one of the most important humanitarian diplomacy events in the latest history of the IFRC in the CIS region. During his visit to the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), the IFRC Secretary General made a welcome speech to more than 200 representatives of the national parliaments of nine member-states of the IPA of the CIS and representatives of other international organizations participating in this high level forum (International Committee of Red Cross, European Council, International Organization for Migration, UN Population Fund etc) and signed a Cooperation Agreement with Valentina Mativenko, Chairperson of the Council of the IPA of the CIS. By signing this Agreement, the IFRC and the IPA of the CIS have agreed to combine their efforts and experience in order to develop cooperation for the nine CIS Member Nations and Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to fulfil their mandate in the humanitarian field, with a strong focus on the spheres of disaster law, migration and Red Cross Red Crescent law.

#### **International and national political context in the Russian Federation**

**In 2012 the Russian Government has continued to enhance its role as significant international player** in the humanitarian sphere:

- In April 2012 the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) established a joint Russian-Serbian Humanitarian Centre in Serbia, aimed at the coordination of humanitarian response activity in the European region.
- In response to the severe humanitarian situation in Syria, the Russian Government has allocated CHF 1,000,000 for the emergency operation implemented by the ICRC in Syria, having taken into account the fact that the Syrian RC and the ICRC are the only organizations having access to the population affected by the civil unrest.
- Also, in response to the extreme winter in Central Asia, the Russian Government provided immediate humanitarian assistance to the Government of Tajikistan in the amount of USD 38,000,000.

**The internal social - political context of Russia** was full of important changes related to the parliamentary election in December 2011 and the presidential election in March 2012, when Vladimir Putin was elected for his new 6-year presidential term. According to the law a new Prime Minister was appointed (Dmitry Medvedev, former President of the Russian Federation), who formed the new Cabinet of Ministers. In the framework of this process, leadership changes happened in those two Ministries which are key partners for the Russian Red Cross and the RCRC Movement in Russia: the Ministry of Emergencies (EMERCOM) and the Ministry of Health and Social Development. The latter was split into two (Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour) and the Ministry of Emergencies EMERCOM got a new head. Mr. A. Puchkov was assigned for the post of EMERCOM Minister, and Dr. V. Skrotsova became the new Minister of Health.

## Working in partnership

Operational Partners	Agreement
American Red Cross	Integration Agreement between IFRC and AmRC. Cooperation Agreement between Russian RC and AmRC.
Norwegian Red Cross	Integration Agreement between IFRC and NorRC. Cooperation Agreement between Russian RC and NorRC.
Turkish Red Crescent	Bilateral Cooperation Agreement between Russian RC and Turkish RC
USAID	<b>Grant Agreement 118 –G00-10-00064-00</b> “Strengthening Cross-Sectoral Collaboration for More Effective National Response to MDR TB Spread”
“Russian World” Foundation	<b>Donation Agreement: # 617P/53-11</b> “Introduction of the Russian language as a working language of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies”
Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States	Cooperation Agreement, May 2012
Global Road Safety Partnership	Letter of Agreement with the Russian Red Cross
EMERCOM of Russia	Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian Red Cross
Federal Agency of Sentence Execution	Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian Red Cross

## Progress towards outcomes

### Business line 1: TO RAISE HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

**Outcome 1.1:** *The Russian RC disseminates the Fundamental Principles and values among its staff, volunteers and the general population*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of staff, volunteers and general population covered		60,000	<b>117,489</b>
<b>Direct:</b>			
Staff			270
Volunteers			3,388
<b>General public:</b>			
health specialists, doctors and nurses			114
state authorities			45
health authorities			170
prison inmates			98
mass media representatives			92
general population, youth and students			48,312
# of people who received information indirectly through the mass media			65,000

### Comments on progress towards outcomes

- During the reporting period the Russian Red Cross in cooperation with the IFRC organized a broad range of activities (different types of events, public actions, and information campaigns) comprising dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and values among the NS staff, volunteers, stakeholders and general population:
- During the period of January-June 2012, in the framework of the 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian Red Cross celebrations, and as part of its program implementation, the Russian Red Cross organized a **series of events, which covered the key RCRC Movement issues** (History of International Movement of RCRC, Fundamental Principles and values) and spoke about Humanitarian Diplomacy in particular spheres, such as health, anti-stigma and anti-discrimination of TB, HIV people, prisoners, different group of migrants etc. The events targeted representatives of the general public, state and health authorities at regional and federal levels, students of universities.
- **IFRC Secretary General Bekele Geleta put a special stress on the RCRC Fundamental Principles and Values issue in his welcome speech** to more than 200 representatives of the national parliaments of nine member-states of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS) and representatives of other international organizations participating in this high level forum (International Committee of Red Cross, European Council, International Organization for Migration, UN Population Fund etc). The event took place in Saint-Petersburg, during the opening ceremony of the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the IPA of the CIS in May 2012. In his speech, Bekele Geleta highlighted the long history of the cooperation of the IFRC with the National Societies of the CIS that allowed for an effective and timely response to different disasters and emergency situations, supporting the most vulnerable population. SG mentioned that IFRC participation in further development and improvement of model legislation on Red Cross, disaster law and migration in CIS will significantly contribute to the strengthening of the auxiliary role of the NSs to the respected governments.
- **During World TB Day** around 15 regional branches of the Russian Red Cross ensured the dissemination of information about the RCRC among more than 45,000 people.
- In 2012 Russian Red Cross branches widely celebrated the **World Red Cross Red Crescent Day**: more than 10,000 Russian RC members, veterans and volunteers participated in thematic campaigns and disseminated information about the Red Cross / Red Crescent.
- On top of that, over 65,000 people received information about the Red Cross / Red Crescent indirectly, through the **mass media**: during the reporting period over 220 articles were published in newspapers and internet, information was broadcasted through TV and the radio.

**Outcome 1.2:** *Capacity, knowledge and professional skills of Russian RC staff on DM, Health, IT and modern technologies are enhanced*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of existing IFRC global training opportunities available for and used by the staff starting 2012	0	n/a	5

### Comments on progress towards outcomes

In the reporting period Russian Red Cross staff members from the Headquarters (HQ) and several branches took part in various trainings and workshops aimed at increasing their professional knowledge and skills with main focus at Health and Disaster Management issues.

Health & Care:

**In January 2012**, 11 representatives of the Karelian regional branch of the Russian Red Cross and two representatives of the Finnish Red Cross participated in a four-day exchange visit and study tour to the IFRC/Russian RC Resource Centre on TB control in Moscow and the Training Centre in Belgorod during which the main components of Red Cross program on TB control (including psychosocial support for TB patients and reduction of stigma and discrimination of TB infected people based on global IFRC approaches) were introduced.

**In April 2012**, the Head of the Health Department of the Russian Red Cross participated in the European Health Managers` Forum organized by the IFRC Europe Zone office in Budapest, including several trainings and information sessions on different health and care (aging, TB and HIV, social care) organized in the Forum's framework.

**In June 2012**, the Chairperson of the Khabarovsk branch of the Russian Red Cross participated in a three-week study tour to the United States on Health and Care for TB and HIV patients organized by the U.S. Embassy in Russia. During the study tour the Russian Red Cross representative jointly with other five representatives of the Russian health authorities received information about international approaches to the organization of helping and caring for TB and HIV patients with special focus on collaboration between NGOs and the State.

Disaster Management

**In May 2012**, the Head of the DM Department of the Russian Red Cross participated in the International Conference on Nuclear Preparedness organized by the Japanese Red Cross Society. During the conference, modern approaches to facilitate nuclear preparedness based on existing threats were discussed

**In June 2012**, the Head of the DM Department of the Russian Red Cross participated in the Consultative meeting on the IFRC Rules and Principles of relief assistance where representatives of more than 22 National Societies discussed and agreed on the revisions of the current version of Rules and Principles of Humanitarian Assistance.

**Outcome 1.3:** *Close collaboration with Research Centres is established and joint surveys on the priority directions of activity are conducted*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of centres collaborating with IFRC/RRC	0	7	7
# of joint research	0	3	3
# of joint courses	0	2	2

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

During the reporting period the Russian Red Cross with advisory support from the IFRC, aiming at getting methodological and advisory support to its program implementation, was putting a special emphasis on the enhancement of its collaboration with the following scientific institutions and research centres:

- Russian Federal Institute of Medical Technologies and Information: a **joint plan of action on First Aid methodology in the Russian Federation** was developed;
- Federal Migration Research Centre of the Academy of Sciences of Russia: a **joint field research on**

the access of migrants to health services in Russia was conducted. The main results of this research were presented during the round-table conference in the Civic Chamber under the President of Russia in February 2012.

- **Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Department of International law:** the IFRC representative participated in the International Legal Scientific Conference in April 2012 and made a presentation for more than 300 students and professors of the University on the topic: "RCRC Role and Mandate in the context of modern challenges and threats".
- The Central TB Research Institute of the Academy of Medical Science of Russia: the Russian Red Cross jointly with the specialists of this institution conducted a **field research: "Effectiveness of social support of TB patients in forming of adherence of treatment"** that was published in the scientific magazine in April 2012.
- The Academy of Civil Protection of EMERCOM: a **joint training program on International Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools** was discussed.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moscow State Medical University named after Pirogov: the IFRC and the Russian RC introduced **research programs for young TB specialists**, where two specialists conducted research on TB control issues.
- Belgorod State Medical University: IFRC/Russian RC launched a **joint certified training program for nurses on TB issues**; the first training course for 22 nurses was conducted at the beginning of 2012.

In total, during the reporting period, collaboration with seven research centres was established, three joint research projects conducted and two training courses developed.

## Business Line 2: TO GROW RED CROSS RED CRESCENT SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

**Outcome 2.1:** *Trend analysis in the priority directions of activity (Health & Care, Demographic issues, Disaster Management, Migration) is conducted regularly*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Analysis is conducted on a yearly basis.	N.A.	Yes	Non applicable for the six month report

**Outcome 2.2:** *Russian RC has enhanced its capacity on timely disaster response to the most vulnerable population, affected by disasters and emergency situations*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of DM centres for at least 400 families of potential beneficiaries established	0	1	Will be implemented in the next reporting period

Russian RC develops and systematically updates disaster management mapping	0	Yes	Will be implemented in the next reporting period
Russian RC develops and updates Code of Conduct and security management rules and regulations in emergency situations	0	Yes	Will be implemented in the next reporting period

**Outcome 2.3:** *The Russian RC has improved its cooperation with the Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM)*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of trained staff members and volunteers in 5 regional branches	0	5 in each of 5 branches	46 staff members and 310 volunteers in 3 regional branches.
By 2015 the Russian RC jointly with EMERCOM sets up system of training of staff and volunteers on disaster preparedness and disaster response programs		Yes	Yes
Russian RC updates Plan of Action jointly with EMERCOM and implements it at federal and regional levels		Yes, at least in 10 branches	Yes, regional plans updated and implemented in 6 regional branches.
RRC promotes IDRL in collaboration with EMERCOM		Yes	IDRL included to the topics of all DM trainings conducted by RRC

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<p><b><i>In the reporting period, the following DP/DR activities were implemented:</i></b></p> <p><b>Project: “Community-based disaster preparedness of the population of the Krasnodar region” with support from the Eurasia Fund on bilateral basis with the Turkish Red Crescent.</b>  The project aims at reduction of risks of emergency in 6 rayons of the Krasnodar Region (oblast) through training of local communities to respond to disasters and provide assistance to the affected people, and during the reporting period a total of <b>265 volunteers - community representatives</b> were reached with informational sessions. Also, Chairmen of the four local Russian Red Cross branches (Gulkevichy, Mostovskoy, Apsheronsk, Slavyansk) were contacted to discuss the project activities. On April 16-19, a three-day workshop on disaster response was organized for <b>18 volunteers/instructors</b>.</p> <p><b>Cooperation of the Russian Red Cross and «Coca Cola» in Adygeya.</b>  The Coca-Cola Co. is a global partner of the IFRC and cooperates with Red Cross / Red Crescent National Societies worldwide in the framework of the Memorandum on Global Partnership between Coca Cola and</p>

IFRC. Therefore, when in January 2012 citizens of Kamenomostsky settlement in the Myakopsky district of Adygeya were exposed to the water impurity incident (caused by a shale rock failure in the riverbed, which raised the quantity of suspension in the water) the company “Coca Cola Hellenic” provided 33,600 liters of bottled drinking water to a total of 417 families in the affected region (1,400 people). A group of **27 Russian Red Cross volunteers** took part in the water distribution on March 13 and April 3, 2012. This group of volunteers was trained in 2011, and during reporting period Russian RC branch continued its development by refreshment sessions and attraction to the relief assistance to the affected population.

**DREF Project “Russia/Floods in Volgograd region”** (DREF operation MDRRU014, 26 April 2012; CHF 165,447) to support the Russian Red Cross in delivering immediate assistance to people in Volgograd region affected by floods.

The relief aid distribution took place in Kumilzensky, Rudnyansky and Elansky districts in June-July 2012, having provided aid to 1,427 households (4,008 people). The aid included bed-linen sets, mattresses, blankets and hygienic kits.

In the reporting period the Russian RC continued its DM activity in the Chechen Republic branch of the Russian RC: **15 trained staff members/volunteers** were involved in the different emergency preparedness activities, conducted by the Russian RC jointly with the ICRC and other partners at the local level.

#### **Cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM)**

In the reporting period IFRC Moscow facilitated the process of strengthening the Russian Red Cross’s cooperation with the Russian EMERCOM.

**In January 2012**, the Russian RC jointly with IFRC Moscow developed a draft Plan of Action at HQ and branches level and submitted it to EMERCOM for further consideration. The draft was discussed during the RRC/IFRC/ICRC Working group meeting and sent to the EMERCOM for approval. Some 10 Russian RC regional branches: Kaliningrad, Karelia, St. Petersburg, Belgorod, Krasnodar, Volgograd, Ingushetia, Chechnya, Dagestan, Primorski krai etc., developed and updated its joint Plan of Action with local EMERCOM agencies and acted together with them.

**In February 2012**, the Head of IFRC Moscow and the Russian RC’s DM Coordinator had a working meeting with the Head of the International Department of EMERCOM where the main fields of cooperation between IFRC, Russian RC and EMERCOM at the national and international levels were discussed. As a result of these discussions, starting March 2012, IFRC Moscow has been sharing with EMERCOM the information about emergency appeals and DREF launches worldwide in order to provide data needed for consideration of funding of emergency operations by the Russian State. This is being done in the framework of integration of humanitarian relief systems of IFRC and EMERCOM.

**On 16 March 2012**, the Russian Red Cross awarded the then Minister of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) of Russia, General Sergei Shoigu, the Russian RC’s Golden Heart Medal. In her speech during the awarding ceremony, the President of the Russian Red Cross, Raisa Lukutsova, acknowledged the history of cooperation between the Russian Red Cross and EMERCOM in disaster preparedness and response, reducing the vulnerability of communities. According to General Shoigu, during the past 10 years EMERCOM provided emergency response services in more than 500 international disasters and in the nearest future it plans to increase its participation in international humanitarian actions jointly with the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

**In April 2012**, IFRC Secretary General Bekele Geleta received an invitation from the Russian EMERCOM and the International Organization of Civil Defense to participate in the International Exhibition “Integral Safety and Security 2012” (ISSE-2012) organized by above mentioned institutions in Moscow, on 22-25 May 2012. The Head of IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow,

and Head of DM department of RRC attended the event where 454 companies from 18 countries (Russia, USA, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Croatia, Belarus, Ukraine, Turkey, France, Denmark, Finland, Taiwan and China) demonstrated their achievements in the sphere of safety and security. The Head of IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow participated in the following events of the exhibitions:

- 22 May 2012, Opening ceremony and view of exhibition jointly specially organized for foreign delegations and representatives of diplomatic offices: embassies and international organizations.
- 23 May 2012, Conference: "Modern approaches to psychosocial support in emergencies.
- 25 May 2012, Field simulation exercises at the EMERCOM Training Centre.

### Business Line 3: TO STRENGTHEN THE SPECIFIC RED CROSS RED CRESCENT CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT

**Outcome 3.1:** RRC promotes the roll-out of S2020

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Strategy 2020 of Russian Red Cross is adopted	N. A.	Yes	Yes

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<p>In the reporting period, the Russian Red Cross continued the promotion of its Strategy 2020, based on IFRC S2020, through the network of its regional branches and stakeholders.</p> <p>The following activities were implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic version of S2020 was distributed to all <b>82 regional branches</b>;</li> <li>• Text of S2020 was published in the English language and distributed to the main sister RCRC NSs and other international partners;</li> <li>• Russian RC with IFRC advisory support has developed a "Development Strategy for the North Caucasus Branches of the Russian Red Cross" that was presented to ICRC, Swiss and Danish Red Cross Societies.</li> <li>• Russian RC HQ in consultation with the branches started to adopt internal regulations, in the framework of implementation of this Strategy, such as Health and Care Strategy, Migration Strategy. Documents will be presented for discussions in the next reporting period.</li> </ul>

**Outcome 3.2:** Russian RC capacities are strengthened and internal development is ensured through alignment of assistance to their self-determined needs

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Strategic Development Plan of RRC developed and adopted by Russian Red Cross	N.A.	Yes	Adopted in 2011
# of Russian Red Cross branches involved in PMER trainings annually	N.A.	5	5 regional branches of North

			West Russia
Russian Red Cross participates in the OCAC process	N.A.	7 sessions	0

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

During the reporting period the IFRC/Moscow Office was successfully advocating for and facilitated Russian Red Cross involvement in the Organizational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) process. As a result, in April 2012, Russian Red Cross President sent a formal letter to the OCAC team leader in Geneva on starting of the OCAC process in Russia.

Taking into consideration the large number of the Russian RC branches and the country's geography, it was agreed that seven OCAC sessions will be organized including six sessions at the level of Federal administrative districts (10-15 branches in each) and a final one at HQ level. The main responsibility on organizing the OCAC sessions is delegated to the newly elected vice-presidents of the Russian RC – one in each of six Federal Districts. The first OCAC session is planned for the end of July 2012.

Following three OCAC sessions are scheduled:

July 2012 - North-west Federal district (with eleven regional branches), in St. Petersburg City

September 2012 - Privolzhski Federal District (with twelve regional branches), in Ufa City

October 2012 - Central Federal District (with seventeen regional branches), in Kostroma City

In June 2012 four representatives from three regional branches of the Russian RC were recommended for participation in the Training of Trainers for OCAC facilitators, that will take place in July 2012, and preparations for this activity have started. The remaining four meetings will be scheduled for 2013.

In April 2012, upon request of the Norwegian RC in the framework of its Child Welfare Programme (CWP), the Europe Zone Monitoring & Evaluation Officer conducted a training session for 10 representatives of 5 regional branches of North-West Russia participating in a regular program-project planning meeting, having introduced logframe approach to program planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting.

#### **Outcome 3.3:** *The Russian RC develops and systematically updates vulnerability mapping*

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross updates vulnerability mapping on a yearly basis	N.A.	Yes	Non-applicable for the six month report.

#### **Outcome 3.4:** *Work of the Russian RC in the sphere of HIV and AIDS, TB and harm reduction is scaled up significantly using the Global Alliance approach*

##### HIV Prevention Program

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross Resource Centre on HIV is established and is functioning in Irkutsk region	N.A.	Yes	Yes
# of beneficiaries		7,550	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of general population</li> <li>• # of PLHIV</li> <li>• # of HIV/TB patients</li> <li>• # of young people reached with HIV prevention message through the Norwegian Red Cross program</li> </ul>		410	
		40	
		100	
		5,150	5,150

### Comments on progress towards outcomes

In 2012 the American Red Cross (AmRC) & Russian Red Cross joint program "Expanded Care and Support for People Affected with HIV in the Russian Federation" is being implemented in five regions, including RRC HQ, Tula, Sochi, Belorechensk and Irkutsk regional branches. The program includes two HIV prevention projects for studying youth in Sochi and Belorechensk, with psycho-social component for PLHIV and caregivers in Belorechensk. Care and support projects in Tula and Irkutsk for PLHIV and caregivers include the following components:

- Information-Counseling Centre, support groups;
- Support of HIV positive pregnant women and children born to them;
- Visiting nurses service;
- Palliative care for clients on late stages of HIV and HIV+TB clients

The Russian Red Cross Resource Centre on HIV is established and has started its functioning in Irkutsk region: a set of documents regulating the work of the centre is prepared. In the reporting period the Resource Centre conducted two trainings: a project/programme planning (PPP) training for the representatives of the Ukrainian Red Cross, and a healthy life style training in collaboration with the Winter Olympics Organizing Committee "Sochi 2014" for the staff of the Sochi branch of the NS and local schoolteachers.

### MDR-TB Response

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of regional RRC branches closely cooperate with local health and state authorities in 2012	9	11	10 branches
# of beneficiaries			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of TB patients including sensitive TB patients</li> <li>• # of MDR TB,</li> <li>• and # of ex-prisoners</li> </ul>	710 594 25	1,600 300 300	3,016 1,022 143
# of trained staff of health facilities	0	500/4 years	86
# of local community representatives receiving information about TB			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• directly from RRC</li> <li>• mass media coverage</li> <li>• # of representatives of state authorities</li> <li>• # of mass media representatives involved into RRC advocacy and social mobilization</li> </ul>	4,534 50,000 25 43		90,430 500,000 92 150
# of representatives of most risk population participating in mass detection activities	1,240	5,000	7,098
# Russian RC staff and volunteers providing help	674	185	2,775
# of TB patients receiving help	43	740	485
# of social support centres for TB patients established	0	2 (Khakassia and	2 (Khakassia and Belgorod)

		Belgorod)	
# of country wide projects developed and being implemented in cooperation with national and international agencies	5 (IFRC, PIH, Eli Lilly, AIH, WHO)		6 (IFRC,WHO, URC,PIH, Eli Lilly, AIH)

### Comments on progress towards outcomes

The TB control situation in Russia was assessed differently by Russian and international experts due to their different approaches. According to the Russian Ministry of Health and Social Development, the Government of Russia spent from the federal budget RUR 2.12 billion (approx. USD 73 million) in 2011 on TB diagnosis, treatment and prevention, which amounted to 87% of the funds allocated for TB in the framework of the national health program ("National Priority Project for Health"). The TB section of the Federal Program for Prevention and Combating of Socially Important Diseases envisaged for the years 2007-2012 a total of RUR 1.64 billion (approx. USD 55 million), or 80% of the funding allocated for procurement of medical and laboratory supplies for TB diagnostics. According to the Ministry, all the regions' requests in this sphere are fully met.

In order for the national health service to become effective, new approaches to the organization of TB services should be sought, depending on the TB epidemic situation in each region. State governance and the local governments' commitment to a systematic approach to TB prevention should be enhanced. Social policies targeted at TB prevention and based on a complexity of social, economic, legal and medical measures should be developed. In 2011, Russian health officials (the Chief TB Specialist of the MoHSD, and the Deputy Head of Department of Health Services of the MoHSD) expressed their scepticism, or in some cases criticism, towards the role of international projects in the improvement of the general TB situation during their repeated meetings with representatives of those international organizations which are implementing TB programs in Russia. According to those officials, the international organizations contributed negatively to the TB situation.

In spite of the assessments mentioned above, with all the remaining challenges in the sphere of effectiveness of TB activities (in particular, the lack of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line drugs in several regions of Russia, the limited capacity of laboratory services and – most importantly – the absence of an MDR TB strategy), the Russian Government has decided to reject the funding offered by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the framework of its Round 10 on TB prevention.

In the reporting period the following results were achieved.

#### 1. Dialogue with the Federal Government & nation-wide stakeholders enhanced.

- In January 2012 the Agreement on cooperation in the fight against TB and HIV between Russian Red Cross and the Federal Penitentiary Service was signed.
- On 16 March 2012, Russian Red Cross jointly with IFRC and Eli Lilly Company opened a photo-exhibition, "Your Health in Your Hands" in the Russian Parliament (State Duma).

#### 2. Dialogue with Regional Governments & State Health Authorities enhanced.

- In December 2011 in *Kaluga region* the "Agreement on the Development of the TB care and Social Support of TB Patients" was signed between Russian Red Cross, Ministry of Health of Kaluga region, FSSE and local TB Dispensary. Signing of this agreement is expected to further increase effectiveness of coordination on MDR TB control.
- In January 2012 a *Kostroma regional* decree "About social support for TB patients" was adopted and the government allocated funds for social support activities for TB patients in the total amount of 800,000 roubles / year (around USD 30,000).

### 3. Professional knowledge and skills of TB specialists and RRC staff are improved by their participation in trainings, conferences and workshops.

- Two IFRC/RRC Centres of Best Practices were opened and started to function:
  - *TB training centre for nurses*: the first 10 nurses of Belgorod Region were trained and continued their work in TB institutions
  - *Training centre of psycho-social support for TB patients* in Khakassia was opened and started operating
- The Russian Red Cross started a cycle of exchange visits with sister National Societies of Europe and Central Asia to disseminate advanced experience and practice among medical and non medical specialists of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies and TB experts: in the period of January – February 2012, representatives of Turkmenistan Red Crescent and Finnish Red Cross as well as staff of the Karelian regional branch of the Russian Red Cross conducted exchange visits to the Centre of Best Practices in Belgorod.
- In February 2012 a seminar for representatives of 14 regional Russian Red Cross branches (specialists in communication and financial managers, total 28 persons) was held.

### 4. An effective TB case management system to ensure treatment adherence by TB and MDR-TB patients is established:

- 8,798 home visits were conducted by Russian RC nurses: 4,157 visits to patients with sensitive TB, 4,641 visits to MDR TB patients;
- 143 prisoners released from the prisons, 100 (70%) timely registered at the civilian TB service and successfully continued treatment whereas 43 ex-prisoners (30%) were transferred to other regions.
- Preliminary results of treatment of TB patients who received social support from RRC
- There were 1,994 patients with sensitive TB, 1,230 persons of them completed the social support:
  - 1,107 people (90%) successfully finished treatment, 68 people (5,4%) continued treatment under control of TB service, 35 people (3%) defaulted, 20 people (1,6%) died.
  - There were 1,022 MDR TB patients, 409 of whom completed the social support: 327 people (80%) successfully finished treatment, 15 people (3,6%) defaulted, 23 persons (5,6%) died, 44 people (10,8%) continued treatment under control of TB service.

**Outcome 3.5:** RRC internal support mechanisms for other health and care priorities are developed and improved

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Concept of the mechanism of participation in emergency health activity including psychosocial support in the framework of existing Cooperation Agreement with EMERCOM is developed	N.A.	Yes	Implemented during different disaster response operations
# of branches implementing one or more joint programs with local health authorities	N.A.	Yes	<b>4 regional branches</b>
# of agreements signed with the health authorities annually	N.A.	Yes	<b>3 new agreements, and 4 updated existing agreements</b>

### Comments on progress towards outcomes

During the reporting period Russian RC with technical support from IFRC has developed and updated the Concept of mechanism of participation in emergency health activities (including psychosocial support) in the framework of existing Cooperation Agreement with EMERCOM. In the period January-June 2012, the Russian RC in the framework of its disaster response activity was implementing emergency health actions with significant PSP components during disaster response actions in Krasnodar, Vologda, Tatarstan.

Also, jointly with IFRC the Russian RC has continued its dialogue with local health authorities in the framework of currently implemented health programs. As a result, three Russian RC branches have signed Cooperation Agreements with local Departments of Health (Kaluga, Kostroma, Nizhni Novgorod) and four branches (Adygeya, Belgorod, Khakassia, Buryatia) have updated their earlier agreements,

In addition to that, as a result of strong advocacy activity of the Russian RC, the following legislative acts were adopted at the regional level, serving a good base for joint program activities implemented in first half of 2012:

- The Law of Belgorod Region. "On social guarantees for tuberculosis patients and to separate categories of medical workers" (# 4, adopted in 03.12.2010 updated in 2012)
- The Decree of the Governor of #282 from 12.10.2010. "About cooperation between TB service, RRC, FSSE and Police Department on the IFRC/RRC program" updated in 2012.
- The Law of Kostroma Region. "On social support of tuberculosis patients" (adopted in January 2011, prolonged in 2012).

**Outcome 3.6:** Russian RC enhances its capacity in First Aid by signing Agreements with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and provides trainings for RRC staff and volunteers

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of staff members and volunteers trained on First Aid	N.A.	20	<b>Five instructors and 420 volunteers</b>
# of agreements on cooperation / MoUs signed with local (regional) authorities	N.A.	N.A.	Will be implemented in the next reporting period

### Comments on progress towards outcomes

In the reporting period, the Russian RC jointly with the partner organisation "Aribris" conducted a series of First Aid trainings for community representatives, local and foreign business companies, educational institutions and state structures. Through this modality, during the first half of 2012, 420 people were trained in First Aid basics during complimentary and commercial courses. Also, five instructors from regional Russian Red Cross branches have been trained.

Several Russian RC branches have started negotiations with local authorities to offer commercial FA courses. Agreements will be signed in the next reporting period.

**Outcome 3.7:** RRC is participating in Road safety activity in close cooperation Global Road Safety Partnership technical support

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of road police officers trained in basic first aid skills	0	48	24
# of road police officers trained as FA instructors	0	24	12
# of new regions involved in Road Safety activity yearly	0	2	1

Comments on progress towards outcomes
In January 2012 the Russian RC signed a joint pledge on road safety, attached to the 31st International Conference - a starting point for initiating and continuing a dialogue on road safety issues with the Federal ministries and departments: health, internal affairs, emergencies, transport, road police and other partners in business and civil society – to support their efforts in the solution of this major health problem that ranks as high as tuberculosis. The Russian RC has appointed a project coordinator and set up a working group to develop a road safety strategy for the RRC. The RRC advocacy project was approved by the RRC Board in April 2012, and a Letter of Agreement was signed with the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) in June and marked the project launch. Within the advocacy project the RRC has started mapping of stake holders in road safety in Russia. It has been invited to the launch of an advocacy project for the rights of pedestrians at the Russian State Duma (Parliament) in July 2012.

**Outcome 3.8:** RRC work in the sphere of social mobilisation (inter-generational programs, Club 25, youth and volunteering) is enhanced

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of regions implementing Voluntary Blood Donation Recruitment (VBDR) activity every year	N.A.	8	1
# of new youth volunteers (2012-2015)	N.A.	1,000	187
# of youth volunteers involved in various types of RRC social activities	N.A.	1,000	27
# of youth leaders at branches level and trained on basic RCRC trainings (social mobilization, advocacy, volunteers' management etc.)	N.A.	200	160

Comments on progress towards outcomes
At the current moment, 27 volunteers work in the "Club 25" program on a regular basis corresponding with donors, planning and carrying out actions, blood donor's days etc. "Club 25" group works on the social network "Vkontakte" (information about the updates is provided to more than 3,000 people) and updates a regular e-newsletter for volunteers of the "Club 25", which includes e-mail dissemination, volunteer blog <a href="http://www.volonter.ru">www.volonter.ru</a> and well as dissemination through e-subscription service <a href="http://www.subscribe.ru">www.subscribe.ru</a> .
In the framework of TB and HIV programs implemented by RRC jointly with IFRC and partner NSs, 160

volunteers in 13 regional branches (Adygeya, Pskov, Khabarovsk, Khakassia, Buryatia, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, Belgorod, Kostroma, Kaluga, Nizhni Novgorod, Sochi, Belorechensk, Tula) received trainings on RCRC, social mobilization and volunteers management.

**Outcome 3.9:** RRC promotes social cohesion or addresses discrimination and exclusion

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of migrants receiving service	N.A.	1,000	1,000
# of social centres for migrants set up at RRC regional branches.	N.A.	1	1

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<p>During the reporting period the Russian Red Cross continued strengthening its cooperation with IFRC focal point on migration and suggested the organization of an IFRC reference group meeting in Moscow to discuss current migration trends.</p> <p>The first stage of the DFID funded project on “Enhancement of Support to the Most Vulnerable Labour Migrants’ Community of Moscow Region through Provision of Better Access to Legal and Social Care” was completed in March 2012. The main achievement of this first stage was the establishment of a basis for a broader platform on migration, implemented jointly by the Russian Red Cross, local NGOs representing national diasporas, international organizations and government bodies working in this sphere. Around 1,000 beneficiaries representing the most vulnerable groups of labour migrants were provided with legal and social assistance, and a network of NGOs and international organizations (in Russia and Central Asia) has been established. The second stage of the project, which started in June 2012, focuses on the strengthening of this cooperation and will comprise a conference on medical and social problems of migration in October-November 2012.</p> <p>In addition, during the period of March to June 2012 the IFRC/Moscow Office and the Russian Red Cross closely collaborated with the Federal Migration Service of Russia (FMS) to discuss possible cooperation, taking into account the large number of Central Asian labour migrants in Russia and the experience that both the IFRC and the NS have in this sphere. As a result of these negotiations, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2012, Ms. Tatyana Bazhan, Head of Integration Assistance Department at the Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation, and Mr. Victor Semenev, Head of the Russian Federation’s Federal Migration Service Representation visited the IFRC Country Representation Office in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, to discuss the possible cooperation on informational and educational services to labour migrants from Tajikistan. To follow up on this visit of the FMS representatives to Tajikistan, the IFRC, the Russian Red Cross and the FMS agreed to jointly open Russian language training sites for migrants in Tajikistan. A project proposal, a plan of action and budget were developed jointly by the IFRC Moscow and Dushanbe Offices together with the Russian Red Cross and Tajik Red Crescent. Decision on funding will be made in the next reporting period.</p>

**Outcome 3.10:** RRC promotes social inclusion and a culture of non-violence

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of visiting nurses in each RRC branch providing social services for elderly people	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
# of elderly people receiving social service	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
# of children receiving help	N.A.	6,000	5,700

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<p>The Norwegian Red Cross has been supporting the “Child Welfare Programme” implemented by the Russian Red Cross since 1998. Currently the programme is run in 5 North-Western regions of Russia: Saint-Petersburg city, Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Novgorod and Pskov regions. The main target group of the NRC-RRC programme are vulnerable children living in own families, but also children living without guardians and shelter, i.e. street children. Currently the programme is focusing on provision of daily hot meals for around 5,700 vulnerable children and socio-pedagogic activities for a selection of these children. The Norwegian Red Cross has also been cooperating with the Russian Red Cross in the implementation of a youth peer education programme fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Norwegian Red Cross plans to continue its support to the programme in the coming years, however, with gradual reductions in Norwegian Red Cross funding starting in 2012, and a hand-over of responsibility for the programme implementation and funding to the Russian Red Cross.</p> <p>As part of the programme development and for better understanding of its structural components in April 2012 in Saint-Petersburg there was a meeting for all participating regions in the “Child Welfare Programme” (CWP) in order to discuss the future of the programme, introduce the Resource Centre of CWP, which was established to improve the effectiveness and impact of socio-pedagogic activities for beneficiaries, as well as advocacy work in favour of vulnerable children, to involve volunteers and organize their activities and to mobilize the resources of the regions participating in CWP, and, equally important, for a session on understanding of the principles of logframes making.</p>

**Business Line 4: TO HEIGHTEN RED CROSS RED CRESCENT INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK****Outcome 4.1:** Russian RC NS legislation to develop their auxiliary role to public authorities is improved

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of signed legislative acts at regional level per year	No	Yes	Yes
# of regions having adopted local legislative acts, supporting RRC activities	No	Yes	Yes
# branches having at least one project supported by state	0	6 branches	6 branches
Draft RRC law is developed by the Russian Red Cross and	No	Yes	Government

submitted to the government by 2015			decision pending
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### Comments on progress towards outcomes

During the reporting period in the framework of its regional functions the IFRC/Moscow Office established and strengthened cooperation with the **Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS)**, an advisory body for the preparation of draft legal acts of shared interest to the stakeholders of the nine member states of the CIS.

- *On 17 February 2012* Representatives of IFRC and Russian RC led by Director of EZO Anitta Underlin had an official meeting with the Secretary General of Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of CIS Alexey Sergeev that took place in the Headquarters of this Assembly at the Tavrishesky Palace of St. Petersburg. The IFRC and the Secretariat of IPA CIS agreed to collaborate in the field of mutual interest and decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding.
- *On 16-18 May 2012*, Bekele Geleta, IFRC Secretary General and Anitta Underlin, Director of IFRC Europe Zone Office paid visit to Russia, Saint Petersburg, to participate in the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the CIS, to sign Cooperation Agreement with Chairperson of Council of IPA CIS and to conduct bilateral meetings with the President of the Russian Red Cross.
- *On 17 May 2012*, the IFRC Secretary General and Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of IPA CIS, signed a Cooperation Agreement between the IFRC and the IPA of the CIS. The purpose of the Agreement is to combine efforts and experiences of both parties in order to develop cooperation between the nine CIS Member Nations and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to fulfil their mandate in the humanitarian field, with a strong focus on the spheres of disaster law, migration and the Red Cross Red Crescent law. The Red Cross Red Crescent law refers to model laws enabling the Red Cross Red Crescent strengthen their legal base in domestic legislation and thus allowing them to operate freely to serve vulnerable people according to their needs.

During the reporting period the IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow continued its efforts on facilitation of a dialogue between Russian RC and the **Russian Ministry of Health** as a line ministry to the Russian RC:

- *In February 2012*, as a result of its participation in the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Health of Russia expressed its interest to implement the resolution of the Conference on strengthening the auxiliary role of the Russian RC towards the Russian State and requested the IFRC Moscow Office to organize a series of introductory visits for the Ministry's representatives to several NSs with an experience of collaboration with the state. Taking into consideration the mutual interest of the Ministry of Health and the Russian Red Cross in this sphere, IFRC Moscow with technical support of IFRC Europe Zone Office agreed to organize a one-day consultative meeting between Russian RC and Russian State representatives to take place at the IFRC Europe Zone Office in Budapest on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
- *On 2 July 2012*, representatives of the Russian Ministry of Health and the **Russian Foreign Affairs** participated in the Russian RC Governing Board meeting where the issue of drafting the Russian Red Cross law was discussed. Representatives of state authorities expressed their high interest and readiness to support the Russian RC on drafting and advocating the RRC law.

Also, during the reporting period, the IFRC continued facilitation of a dialogue between the Russian Red Cross and **Russian governmental authorities** in order to develop the Red Cross law and set up optimal mechanisms of relationships including state funding for Russian RC activities at domestic and international levels.

**Outcome 4.2:** EZ OD function is revitalized

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Europe Zone Organizational Development (OD) coordinator visiting the Russian RC once a year and providing support upon RRC request	N.A.	Yes	Will be implemented in the next reporting period
RRC representatives are involved in all EZ OD related meetings and workshops	N.A.	Yes	Will be implemented in the next reporting period

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

Planned for the next reporting period, i.e. the second half of 2012.

**Outcome 4.3:** Income sources are diversified through expanding partnerships

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross has developed the concept of income generation based on in-country donors and partners: state grants, service agreements, partnership with private sector	No	Yes	No
# of regional branches having received license for commercial First Aid courses	No	2	2

**Comments on progress towards outcomes****Income generation**

In order to facilitate the process of development of a new income-generating concept, in April 2012 Russian Red Cross actively participated in the First Exhibition of Socially Oriented NGOs that took place in Moscow. The exhibition attracted more than 500 local NGOs with more than 120 projects: the Russian Red Cross was represented by the HQ and five branches, each of them having installed its own presentation booth. The exhibition was initiated and supported by the Office of President of Russia, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Ministry of Health, and the Public Chamber of Russia, and it provided the Russian Red Cross with new ideas on income-generation tools and instruments.

**First Aid**

In the reporting period, the Russian RC increased its cooperation with national FA partners: "Aribris" and "Space of Safety" training centres under the short term projects that are prepared by the Russian Red Cross.

**In January 2012** the Russian Red Cross was granted the exclusive right of translating and publishing the IFRC "Short Manual on First Aid – EFAM" and an additional database of 100 photos according to the agreement with the EFAM Resource Centre RC/RC at the Belgium RC. During the reporting period, the work started on adaptation of the Russian version of «Russian Red Cross Short Manual on First Aid», to align it with the «International European Manual on First Aid RC/RC - EFAM 2». The manual will be published in November 2012, and this work is financially supported by the Belgium Red Cross (Flanders).

At the same time the Russian Red Cross is planning to review basic and instructor courses of First Aid skills training to have them accredited with the state authorities. After that, the National Society is planning to re-train representatives of its 10 pilot regional branches.

**In February 2012** the Russian Olympic Games Organizing Committee “Sochi 2014” initiated a meeting with the Russian Red Cross to discuss the possibility of cooperation in the sphere of organization of First Aid courses for the Olympic Games Volunteers. As a result of the discussion it was agreed to prepare a joint project proposal of the Russian Red Cross and the Committee based on the Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the IFRC and the International Olympic Committee.

## **Business Line 5: TO DEEPEN OUR TRADITION OF TOGETHERNESS THROUGH JOINT WORKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Outcome 5.1:** Russian RC signs and regularly updates Framework Agreement with IFRC and ICRC

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Movement cooperation agreement with ICRC, IFRC, RRC are signed	N.A.	Yes	Will be implemented in the next reporting period

### **Comments on progress towards outcomes**

During the General Assembly in Geneva in November 2011, the Russian RC committed to sign a Movement Cooperation Agreement with the IFRC and the ICRC. Text of the agreement was drafted, discussed between parties and agreed. Ceremony of signing of Agreement will be done in September 2012 during the Leadership Forum of Russian speaking NSs in Minsk, Belarus.

**Outcome 5.2:** Russian RC sets up coordination and dialogue with Movement partners for common understanding and alignment of working modalities and the Strategic Development Plan.

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross sets up and leads task force on strategic development plan implementation, conducting meetings at least on a quarterly basis.	N.A.	Yes	Yes

### **Comments on progress towards outcomes**

In the reporting period, the Russian RC started practical implementation of its newly adopted Statutes and Strategic Development Plan in particular, and the Russian Red Cross Governing Board adopted several normative documents:

- Provisions about RRC members,
- Provision on RRC volunteers,

- Rules of use of RRC emblem, etc.,

Three working groups on the key issues (disaster management, migration, Russian Red Cross law) were established and started their work: initial meetings were held during March–April 2012 and key directions of activities were identified in these spheres.

**Outcome 5.3:** Russian RC as member of the Federation`s Governing Board facilitates different regional initiatives among Russian-speaking NSs and increases participation in international dialogue and cooperation, including ERNA, Global Alliance, etc.

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross participates in IFRC governing board meetings and represents Russian speaking NSs quarterly	N.A.	Yes	Yes

#### Comments on progress towards outcomes

During the reporting period, Russian Red Cross as an IFRC Governing Board member continued its efforts for the promotion of international and regional initiatives with special focus on migration and further wide use of the Russian language. During the reporting period the Russian RC enhanced its collaboration with several NSs, and discussed with them different initiatives.

- *In May 2012* the leaderships of two NSs visited Russia: the Secretary General of the Belarus Red Cross and the Vice President of the Malaysian Red Crescent. In the framework of these visits, representatives of above mentioned NSs had meetings with the President of the Russian RC and discussed possibilities of cooperation. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian RC and the Belarus RC was signed.
- *On 6 June 2012* the President of the Russian RC and the Head of the International Department of the Russian RC took part in the session of the IFRC Governing Board in Geneva. In the framework of the preparation for this mission, the Russian Red Cross collected suggestions from the NSs of the Russian-speaking countries to ensure their consolidated position in the Governing Board.

## Stakeholder participation and feedback

In the reporting period the IFRC, through its Moscow Regional Representation, jointly with the Russian Red Cross, ensured permanent collaboration and coordination with various international and national stakeholders.

### **Target beneficiaries and community representatives.**

In the reporting period Russian RC continued to attract beneficiary representatives into the program activities to ensure a more targeted support. The close contact with the network of TB patients` clubs in different regions of the country, volunteers representing local communities, inmates and ex-prisoners, people living with HIV has ensured a timely feedback and, when necessary, the correction of the program activities according to the needs of targeted population.

### **Stakeholders within Red Cross Red Crescent Movement**

The Russian Red Cross is keeping up an ongoing dialogue with all partner NSs participating in the implementation of the program activities, for instance the American RC, the Norwegian RC, and the Turkish RC. In the framework of its program activities, the Russian Red Cross, jointly with the above mentioned partner NSs, conducted various types of program evaluations, where feedback of community representatives, strengths and weaknesses of the activities, community achievements and expectations were addressed. The

results of the evaluations were discussed within the Russian RC HQ and regional staff members, with necessary actions undertaken when required.

### ***Russian public authorities at Federal and regional levels***

The Russian Red Cross continued its cooperation with the key federal ministries: the Ministry of Health, EMERCOM, the Federal Migration Service and the Federal Service of Sentence Execution. To enhance a dialogue and cooperation with key governmental stakeholders, the Russian Red Cross has attracted representatives of above mentioned state bodies to its advisory council at federal and regional levels, which ensures a systematic sharing of opinions and ideas regarding more effective support for the most vulnerable population.

## **Key Risks or Positive Factors**

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
<b>Low pace of Inter-Ministerial Commission on modernisation of the Russian Red Cross</b>	M	To strengthen dialogue with National Authorities and attract their representative to discussions organised by Russian RC
<b>Low awareness on the part of the potential beneficiaries about the services</b> provided by the Russian Red Cross (or fear to use them) leading to lower levels of service utilization.	M	To address this risk and ensure that potential beneficiaries are reached out with appropriate information and services, the staff of the Red Cross will use diverse channels to raise awareness and build trust, including referral mechanisms with participation of community organizations, strict compliance with the principles of confidentiality and neutrality, recruitment of volunteers, etc.
<b>Deterioration of the economic situation in the country and sudden increase in the prices of commodities</b> leading to inability to implement project activities as planned and within the approved budget. In addition, the worsening of the economic and social conditions may cause sharp increase in the need for assistance among the targeted populations, which significantly to overwhelm the capacities of the Russian RC	M	To address these risks, resources from donor Red Cross societies will be mobilized by IFRC to ensure support for programs at local level.
<b>Sudden increase in the humanitarian needs in the country</b> due to the social effects of the economic crises, disasters or other emergency situation leading to lower levels of commitment and shift of resources away from addressing the situation of vulnerable people.	M	To increase Russian RC internal capacity on Disaster Preparedness \ Disaster Risk Reduction at local and national level.

## Lessons learned and looking ahead

In the reporting period, the social context of Russia was changing gradually, which demanded from the Russian Red Cross and the IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow a more flexible approach to program planning and implementation.

Taking into account the increasing role of collaboration of the Russian Red Cross with state authorities, the IFRC Moscow Office will adjust its long term planning framework (LTPF) to the actual priorities in the coming six months.

## 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.

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