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Dominican Republic Mid-Year Report

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**This report covers the
period 01 January 2012
to 30 June 2012.**

*A volunteer of the Dominican Red Cross
takes a sample of the water to test its
quality.*



Overview

After all the work and proven experience of the Dominican Red Cross (DRC) during the cholera response operation in 2011 carried out in coordination with local authorities, health authorities, community leaders and others to implement measures to control cholera in the affected areas, as of March 2012, activities were developed with the support of the IFRC in response to a new outbreak in two provinces and three municipalities in the country and a total of 3,373 families were reached.

Currently, the main focus of work of the DRC is disaster response. There is still much work to be done from the standpoint of the National Society's development with regards to *internal and external communication*, application of a *strategy for resource mobilization* and the formulation of a *bi-national plan of action* based on the bilateral cooperation agreement with the Haitian Red Cross.

Working in partnership

The IFRC has a regional representation in the Dominican Republic. A number of PNSs have an office in the country including the Spanish Red Cross and the German Red Cross which has a regional office based in the Dominican Republic. Several PNSs are providing programme support, such as the Canadian Red Cross in the area of 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 National Society is well integrated in the national Civil Defence System and has a seat in all governmental cooperation and development forums linked to its humanitarian mandate.

The DRC is a member of the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team, together with the IFRC, and maintains good technical cooperation relations with all international NGOs in-country including Oxfam and Plan International.

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 to strengthening of the National Society's organizational capacity.

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

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
Some 120 members of the DRC have been trained to ensure greater understanding, dissemination and application of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values in the actions of the National Society.	0	120	No progress to date (Q3)
During 2012, the DRC makes advocacy actions with national agencies for the elaboration of laws by using IDRL guidelines.	0	1	The DRC has signed a MoU for the implementation of the project - in April 2012 the DRC received a first transfer of funds (CHF 13,305) in accordance with the MoU to hire an advisor as part of the consultancy on disaster law in the Dominican Republic.
All the senior staff (150) in DRC branches are aware of the 2002 DRR law 147-2 and its consequences in the daily disaster risk management work.	0	150	No progress to date (Q3)
The local authorities where the 150 DRC branches are geographically positioned are being informed and made aware of their DRR mandate through the law 147-2.	0	150	As of July a DRM delegate will lead this output/indicator from the RRO.
Some 20 institutions in the country are met bilaterally by the senior DRC executive and made aware of the law 147-2. The DRC DRR plan is being shown to the institutions as a path to follow.	0	20	As of July a DRM delegate will lead this output/indicator from the RRO.

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
In 2012, the DRC has held one meeting to share knowledge and expertise with National Societies of the region.	0	1	No progress to date (Q4)
Four DRC programmes include participation and work with the migrant population.	0	4	One proposal with focus on migrants was elaborated and the DRC is seeking funds to implement it.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The National Society has signed an MoU to undertake the project. In April 2012 the DRC received a first transfer of funds to hire an advisor as part of the consultancy on disaster law in the Dominican Republic. A first draft of the document will be presented by the DRC in September 2012.

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
In 2012, the DRC has completed requirements of the Federation Wide Reporting System	0	1	No progress to date (Q3)

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The designation of a staff member as a focal point for the Federation Data Bank and Reporting System (FDRS) in the DRC is pending. This person will lead the process and receive support to fulfil the requirements to compile and upload the information onto the platform.

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
The DRC has a strategic plan and operational planning aligned with S2020 and the Inter-American Framework for Action.	1	1	No progress to date (Q3)

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The National Society participated in the Inter American Conference - this event provided the DRC with additional inputs to draw up its strategic plan 2012-2016 in alignment with S2020 and the commitments of the Conference. It is clear for the DRC that this process should be completed by the end of 2012.

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
At the end of 2012, the National Society has improved its organizational capacities prior to beginning with the OCAC process.	0	1	The DRC participated in the OCAC introductory workshop. Currently the National Society is ready to work towards improving its organizational capacities and anticipates taking part in the OCAC process.
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
The National Society has shown interest in the OCAC process, and would like to start as soon as possible, as expressed by the Director General. The regional representation will provide the National Society with the support required to go ahead with the process.			

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
In 2012, a representative of the DRC is included in the HR network, and the National Society has adopted best practices and policies in HR administration.	0	1	No progress to date. (Q4)
The number of registered users on the learning platform is increased by 45 per cent compared to 2011.	90	150	In progress
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In each meeting or workshop a session is included to encourage participants to promote, register on and use the Learning Platform and complete at least the basic courses.			

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
The DRC applies tools and methodologies for community-based response and recovery and has shared results of best practices with other regions, in accordance with humanitarian trends.	0	1	No progress to date (Q3)
The DRC has updated the curricula of NITs for emergency water and sanitation taking into account the humanitarian trends.	1	1	No progress to date. (Q3)
The DRC has introduced and disseminated its DRM policy	1	1	No progress to date (Q3)

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Work will be carried out in the second half of the year.

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
The DRC has 25 people trained in rescue in collapsed structures.	0	25	No progress to date (Q3)
The DRC has two modules complete with equipment for disaster assistance in collapsed structures.	0	2	No progress to date (Q3)

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
In 2012, the DRC has an integrated approach to climate change in the risk management programme.			No progress to date
The DRC has one team to manage the information in cases of outbreaks of disease resulting from the effects of climate change.			The community health department has an active team working in preparedness in the event of the outbreak of epidemics, especially cholera.

Output 2.1.4: MIGRATION: better programming initiatives are mainstreamed in programming and services to communities of origin and host communities impacted by migration.

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
The DRC improves its humanitarian action for migrant groups and migrant communities in the border region of the country.			A proposal has been finalized for this initiative and donors are being

			consulted as regards funding opportunities.
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Output 2.1.5: VIOLENCE PREVENTION is integrated into disaster and crisis management

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
In 2012, DRC has applied a gender perspective in programmes and projects.	0	1 policy	No progress to date (Q4)
In 2012, 30 branches in the provinces have received material on the gender policy.	0	30	No progress to date (Q4)
At the end of 2012 some 20,000 young people are reached with awareness of violence prevention.	0	20,000	No progress to date (Q3)

Output 2.1.6: Increase 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
The DRC has one additional knowledge resource for the implementation of logistic practices of the Federation.	0	1	As a result of participation in an internship in logistics, the National Society has one person with knowledge of Federation logistics procedures to enhance and apply good practice in the management of logistics including warehouse stocks.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The National Society is continuously active with promotion and awareness-raising of the population in prevention of cholera. This year the theme of urban risk has taken on more relevance for the National Society through advocacy and participation in forums and events on this subject.

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 a context of increased activity by military forces and corporate interests.

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
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A bilateral cooperation agreement is updated and signed between the DRC and Haitian Red Cross.	1	1 update	A meeting will be organized in order to draw up a Plan of Action for bilateral cooperation.
The National Society focuses all its programmes in preparing for emergency response.	1	1	This indicator is strongly supported by the implementation of the First Response Initiative (FRI), including more than 12 workshops in different areas of emergency preparedness.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

To make the proposed plan of action for cooperation between the DRC and the Haitian Red Cross a reality would facilitate humanitarian action of the DRC in the border area.

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 the manner in which they 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
During the third quarter (Q)3 of 2012, four National Society staff complete an online course with the Technological Institute of Monterrey (Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey)	0	4	No progress to date (Q3)
The DRC has a National Development plan 2012-2015 and it is shared with all branches.	1	1	No progress to date (Q3)

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
Some 1,500 families have been reached in the community and received guidance regarding the main risks in disaster situations.	0	1,500	No progress to date. (Q3)

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
A case study on volunteering in urban settings in the Dominican Republic is carried out.	0	1 study	No progress to date (Q4)
The DRM programme management of the DRC is improved and is updated and in line with new trends.	1	1	No progress to date. (Q4)
The DRC has a better understanding of management in an urban risk context.	1	1	No progress to date. (Q4)
The relationship of the National Society with government and local authorities is strengthened, and the DRC participates in national and regional fora for coordination on urban risk.	0	3 events	No progress to date (Q3)

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Continuous promotion of the four humanitarian trends within the National Society and provision of support in order to generate proposals to implement initiatives working with communities.

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Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
The volunteer plan 2012 is defined and approved by the National Society.	0	1 plan	No progress to date.
At least 200 volunteers in branches have completed the online WORC course (certificate).	0	200 volunteers	In progress
The database application system is in use and procedures are in place.	0	1	Support on the use of the database and information on experiences in other National Societies have been provided to the DRC. The National Society needs to make a decision regarding the database solution they will implement.
All ViE activities are carried out according to the project plan.	0	1	Support has been provided for the different activities planned in the FRI. In February 2012 a workshop in ViE took place with the purpose of sharing knowledge on the importance of strengthening the work of volunteers in emergencies.
In 2012, the material of volunteering in emergencies has reached at least 30 provincial branches.	0	30 branches	All materials, in at least four different themes related to

			volunteering have been delivered to the National Society.
In 2012 volunteer representatives have participated in at least in three relevant events.	0	3 events	Two volunteers participated in the event on Youth as Agents for Behaviour Change in Haiti. The experience and knowledge acquired by these volunteers will help as they share the content with the Youth department.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The volunteer development plan will not be produced during the present year due to the lack of a focal point in the National Society. The adoption and contextualisation of the complete volunteer management cycle is pending.

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Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
In 2012, four youth (volunteers) representatives have participated at least in two relevant international events.	0	2 events	Three youth volunteers participated in the YABC conference in Haiti.
Some 60 youth members at national level are trained in micro projects oriented to communities with an approach focusing on social inclusion, gender, and violence prevention.	0	60 members	No progress to date. (Q3)

Comments on progress towards outcomes

In May 2012, the National Society completed the election process of the youth representative on 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
In 2012, the Dominican Red Cross has a functional website and is in use.	0	1 site	No progress to date. (Q4)
By the end of 2012, the National Society has developed the	0	1 strategy	No progress to

Communication Strategy for external and internal communications.			date. (Q3)
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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 mobilization 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
At the end of 2012, the DRC has at least two new funding partners allowing the implementation of the RM Plan.	0	2	No progress to date. (Q3)
In 2012, the DRC has identified five institutions with which cooperation plans for 2013 are carried out.	0	5	No progress to date. (Q3)

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 organized 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
The RRO has sponsored three persons from the National Society to attend the IAC 2012.	0	3	The DRC had a delegation of 10 members who took part in the Conference and who participated in the different groups and work sessions of the IAC. These representatives acquired knowledge to contribute to the development of the National Plan of the DRC.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Dominican Red Cross participated in the IAC 2012 that took place in Haiti. The inputs obtained will be used to update the strategic plan for which full support will be provided by the regional representation.

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
In 2012, the DRC has improved the presentation of	0	10	After the PPP workshop held in

proposals for projects.		proposals	October 2011, the National Society expects to develop project proposals in accordance with the PPP guidelines. In late July a Monitoring and Evaluation workshop is scheduled with 25 participants from the DRC who completed the PPP on-line course on the E-learning platform.
In 2012, the DRC increases the number of reports from 30 branches which participated in the training.	0	30	This is in progress since 2011: a standard template is in use and is being promoted.

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
The DRC has a strategic 2012-2015 aligned with S2020 and IAC.	1	1 update	Pending.
The DRC could at least report on one FWRS indicator.			No progress to date.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Lack of funding in order to sustain some programmes and to be able to implement new initiatives.	H	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 that facilitates self-sustainability in the mid-term.
The National Society has acquired and increased the capacity of members in different programme areas through training with IFRC support.	M	Increase the number of projects proposed for funding support and develop the potential of DRC members. Develop a plan for human resources development, management, and development of volunteering, allowing their continued training and active involvement in the life of the National Society.
The public image of the Dominican Red Cross has improved, defining more clearly its identity	H	Increase the capacity of its communications department and define a strategy for both external and internal communications, projecting a consistent image of their activities on behalf of

		vulnerable people.
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Lessons learned and looking ahead

This year and in previous years the Dominican Red Cross has increased the capacities of DRC staff and volunteers. However, it is necessary to increase activities, the development of new projects and to take action with regard to the improvement of three potential areas: communications, resource mobilization and bilateral cooperation with the Haitian Red Cross.

Financial situation

Click here to go directly to the financial report. A total of 141,000 Swiss francs were spent on development programmes in the Dominican Red Cross in the period January to June 2012.

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.

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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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