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*SRCS volunteers perform psychosocial
support actions Salvadorean Red Cross*



In brief

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has supported the Salvadoreña Red Cross Society (SRCS) on its work related to HIV interventions under the framework of the Global Alliance, by engaging with most-at-risk populations in the country and expanding their geographical and demographic coverage. Moreover, public health in emergencies has been included into the Emergency Disaster Response Plan, which improves the reach and quality of the services provided by the SRCS; however there is a need to build more capacities in epidemic control for volunteers (ECV) and psychosocial support (PS).

Some of the key achievements for 2012 are:

- SRCS has increased their skills in resource mobilization and promoted good practices in order to diversify its services, as part of peer-to-peer support initiatives,
- SRCS have participated in the training of four of the seven 2011 FWRS proxy indicators: The updated will finalize on early 2013.

Working in partnership

Operational Partners	Agreement
Norwegian Red Cross	MoU
Swiss Red Cross	MoU
Spanish Red Cross	MoU
American Red Cross	MoU
IFRC	MoU

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	MoU
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Progress towards outcomes

Business Line I: To raise humanitarian standards

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

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. NS is part of at least one inter-agency platform or partnership related to key trends or emerging health issues (non-communicable diseases, migration, violence prevention or climate change)	100%	Coordination's are actively engaged in Inter-agency platform discussions.
2. NS health staff participates in inter-agency platforms, and regional events related to key trends and emerging issues.	100%	At least 10 NS staff participated in DRR, Urban Risk, among others.
3. NS staff/volunteers participate in two virtual seminars carried out during 2012 to better understand key trends in relation to regional context.	100%	Virtual seminars took place after the REDCAMP-Health networking meeting in September 2012.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

A focus on a community-centered approach resulted in integrated activities in WatSan and Emergency Health during various operations and monitoring visits, such as the visit to El Salvador's Dengue Operation

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.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The SRCS uses Movement tools, initially addressing urban risk reduction, adaptation to climate change, migration and violence prevention, and thus increases and promotes the understanding of the National Societies' collective impact.	85%	The National Society has started the revision of its National Strategic Plan in alignment with the Inter American Framework
2. Strengthen the capacities of SRCS volunteers and staff knowledge about situations that affect the country and National Society's actions implemented for preparedness, response and recovery	85%	Volunteers have participated in different trainings DRR; CBHFA, Health in order to reinforce their capacities.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

With the support of the IFRC, the National Society has started the analysis in how to face new trends and aligned key priorities within the National Strategic Plan. Meanwhile, discussions with key actors (Governmental, UN, and NGOs) has been carried out and allowed that the national staff, volunteers and governing board have a better understanding of the country challenges, such: the violence in urban contexts, climate change and accountability.

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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. Professional knowledge and abilities of SRCS volunteers and staff are strengthened, allowing the branches to lead and address new risks and vulnerabilities	100%	The National Society carried out initiatives promoted by the IFRC such as CBHFA integration within plans.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The IFRC Americas Zone health programme has assumed the role of global focal point for the secretariat in the development of a violence prevention module for CBHFA. This has led to discussions between the focal point and the Canadian Red Cross on approaches and tools and has been instrumental in the integration of violence prevention into the four-year health plans for programmes funded by NORAD/Norwegian Red Cross in El Salvador.

Business Line II: To grow Red Cross Red Crescent services for vulnerable people

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 integrated into disaster and crisis plans and programmers.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. By 2012, the Operational framework for WatSan is developed and disseminated within the NS	100%	The SRCS has disseminated the water and sanitation operational framework and developed a response protocol.
2. The NS has validated the revised training curricula for RIT and NIT health in emergencies and WatSan training.	100%	The SRCS has participated in the validation and revision of the training curricula for the Regional Intervention Team (RIT) and National Intervention Team (NIT) in health in emergencies and water and sanitation.

Output 2.1.3: Climate change adaptation is integrated into disaster and crisis management.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
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1. NS health meetings to discuss the links between climate change and WatSan, health in emergencies and community health programmes for father interventions	100%	Accomplished during first semester.
2. Salvadorian RC becomes part of regional RC early warning system on epidemics.	100%	Accomplished during first semester.

Output 2.1.5: Violence prevention is integrated into disaster and crisis management.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The NS have put on place anti stigma tools to violence prevention and discrimination during epidemics / outbreak situations.	1	NS has developed a tool which has been disseminated and adopted for emergency situations

Output 2.1.6: Support the development and measurement of National Society logistics capacity, to help strengthen National Societies and articulate the global capacity and effectiveness of the Federation logistics.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. During 2012 the NS will have a comprehensive customized capacity building package (technical recommendations, training package and an online data collection and reporting mechanism)	100%	NS has participated in the update logistic training carried out on the second semester of 2012.

Output 2.1.7: 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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. During 2012 the NS will implement phase one of logistics strategy and tracking system	50%	The regional warehouse was reduced for a country service, so the NS needs to identify the next steps for its stock and achieved this indicator.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

In order to facilitate information sharing within the water and sanitation sector, IFRC Americas Zone Office (AZO) has established an online platform with the purpose to host discussion forums. Focus on water and sanitation at community level. Additionally the National Society has participated in the validation and revision of the training curricula for RITs and NITs, strengthening their response capacities. In addition, the DREF operation in El Salvador received support from the Water and Sanitation technical area.

A focus on a community-cantered approach resulted in integrated activities in water and sanitation and emergency health during various operations and monitoring visits, such as the visit to El Salvador Dengue DREF Operation. During 2012 Salvadorian Red Cross also used the Epidemiological Regional Monitoring tool as an early warning system for epidemics and incorporated green response into the El Salvador Appeal.

The health department of the National Society developed an anti-stigma tool as part of HIV Global Alliance interventions and its staff and leaders participated in AIDS2012 and the Red Cross Red Crescent HIV Community of Practice meeting in Washington DC, presenting a skill-building workshop and a youth side event.

Under the IAC Monstrous Commitment, the SRCS agreed to recognize logistics as a key component of National Society organizational and operational development, contributing to a more effective and efficient use of material resources and services. In addition, a cost-benefit analysis of the regional warehouse was conducted and accordingly with the new logistic strategy, the SRCS warehouse was reduced into a country service.

Through intensive logistics participation in the drafting of the DREF requests, ZLU services have been further used, resulting in improved quality, strengthened integrity, and timely and cost effective service delivery.

The ZLU advised National Societies on standard IFRC procurement procedures regarding dispersing Federation funds, with considerable progress in helping National Societies align their standard procedures.

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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. In 2012 SRCS strengthen its auxiliary role in the promotion and development of IDRL through national laws and other measures undertaken by the Executive and Legislative authorities in El Salvador, in compliance with their own policies and agreements approved in the 31st International Conference	50%	The revision of key documents within the SRCS is ongoing. This initiative will be implemented on the second semester of 2013.

Output 2.2.2: The disaster and crisis response system in the Americas will be forward looking through innovation and by taking maximum advantage of the resources available throughout the Red Cross network.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. NS participates on the online health platform by end of 2012	100%	Output achieved during the second half of 2012.
2. # NS staff/volunteers trained on Health in Emergencies NIT focused on Epidemic Control for Volunteers	15 volunteers	Output achieved during the second half of 2012.
3. # NS staff/volunteers trained on Health in Emergencies NIT focused on Psychosocial Support	18 volunteers	Output achieved during the second half of 2012.

Output 2.2.5: MIGRATION is integrated into all levels and scales of disaster and crisis planning and operations.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. NS recognized the importance of health in emergencies interventions including a migration focus	75%	Activities achieved.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<p>The auxiliary role analysis has started within the Governing Board, and it's expected to have a new strategy on 2013, which will help to have better position with Governmental key actors, among others.</p> <p>A case study on disaster risk reduction (DRR) legislation will start on 2013 through a joint effort of the SRCS and the IFRC country support office.</p> <p>As part of the Tropical Depression 12-E emergency operation, the National Society has trained volunteers on Health in Emergencies focused on Epidemic Control. Also, the SRCS has provided psychosocial support to 437 Red Cross volunteers involved in the emergency operations and 513 children affected by this particular emergency.</p> <p>The SRCS has consolidated the Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) as a community methodology within their health programs. As a fact, they increased the number of vulnerable communities engaged to improve their health conditions and to reduce risk through this approach</p> <p>The National Society has implemented interventions related to epidemic control, community health, psychosocial support and hygiene promotion, within the emergency operations that have taken place during the first six months of the year, as the Tropical Depression 12-E Operation.</p>

Business Line III: To strengthen the specific RC and RC contribution to 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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. NS participates of the discussion of the global health SOF as part of the regional health network	100%	SRCS has participated on the global health SOF discussion.
2. NS healths staff has been informed about the global initialise and health framework and the new MoU signed between Federation and PAHO.	100%	A regional advocacy publication was developed..
3. By end of 2012, NS has disseminated among the NS the mapping results of national health plans and institutional partnership	90%	This activity was achieved.
4. The National Society, though its branch network, has facilitated communities' understanding of trends that impact their lives and to take actions to improve their health, safety, environmental and socio-economic conditions, making them safer and more resilient	85%	Trough the alignment of the National Strategic Plan new trends is being revised.

Output 3.1.2: URBAN RISK is integrated into National Society programming.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. By 2012, NS health staff have evidence based case studies on urban risk in relation to health and WatSan	50%	Activities partially achieved for 2 nd semester

Output 3.1.3: CLIMATE CHANGE is integrated into National Society development programming.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. By 2012, NS health staff have evidence based case studies on urban risk in relation to health and WatSan	50%	This indicator will be achieved within the Green Response consultancy that will be carried out on the first quarter of 2013

Output 3.1.4: MIGRATION is integrated into National Society programming.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The NS has been informed on issues related to migration and health through regional health networks 2012, NS health staff have evidence based case studies on urban risk in relation to health and WatSan	100%	NS actively contributed and participated in the Health working group of REDCAMP.

Output 3.1.5: VIOLENCE PREVENTION is integrated into National Society programming.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. By end of 2012, has included the Violence Prevention module on CBHFA national trainings.	100%	Activity achieved on the second semester .

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<p>The National Society was involved in the global health SOF and the REDCAMP-Health networking meeting, where global initiatives related to health will be discussed. The SRCS was also part of the regional MNCH advocacy publication developed with support from the Canadian Red Cross, which will be published in 2013.</p> <p>The capacity for horizontal cooperation within the regional response system has being strengthened by the volunteer trainings in the global tools through the RIT system. SRCS staff has also been trained under a new methodology that includes a field component and distinguishes between urban and rural environments.</p> <p>The National Society has participated in the regional network on violence prevention and in the development of a violence prevention module for CBHFA, including a tool for youth at risk.</p>

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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
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1. NS participate in the MNCH regional mapping	100%	SRCS Health Department has been part of the MNCH mapping during the 1 st semester.
2. By 2012, NS have reported scaled up HIV programming as part of Global Alliance on HIV.	100%	HIV programmes were planned, implemented, monitored and reported on in the framework of the Global Alliance on HIV.
3. NS submitted an abstract for AIDS 2012	100%	SRCS staff and leaders actively participated in AIDS2012.
4. NS shares lessons learned on CBHFA roll out in 2012.	100%	NS has been part of the CBHFA lessons learnt were shared among 21 National Societies,
5. # NS staff trained on BCC.	2 people	BCC training carried out on the second semester.
6. # staff and volunteers trained in CBHFA in 2012.	25 volunteers	Volunteers/staff from 12 branches trained
7. # people reached with HIV prevention messages during 2012	7957 people	People reached in during emergency interventions and the global alliance projects.
8. During 2012 the National Society, through its branch networks and their capacity development, has demonstrated leadership to adopt policies, procedures, and practices that promote social inclusion, non-discrimination and a culture of peace in internal work with communities and other target group.	75%	Achieved during the emergency interventions. The NS will continue working in the 2013

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Global Alliance on HIV has reached directly 4,957 (2808 men and 2149 women) and indirectly 3,000 people through HIV prevention trainings and communication campaigns. In addition, CBHFA training has been carried out at the national level, reaching 25 volunteers who have replicated the process in their own branches. The NS expects to continue introducing CBHFA approach to their health interventions to vulnerable communities at the national level.

Output 3.2.5: VIOLENCE PREVENTION is integrated into all community-based development programming.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The NS apply the violence prevention modules inside the Global Alliances process	100%	Achieved

Output 3.3.1: Red Cross leadership is recognized by government and other key stakeholders.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
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1. The NS participate in IAC side event about MNCH to promote NS leadership with key stakeholders.	100%	Achieved
2. The NS participate in AIDS2012 and RCRC pre event.	100%	Achieved

Output 3.3.3: Building National Society financial sustainability.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. Global Alliance on HIV in the Americas RM experience shared at AIDS 2012 RCRC pre event..	100%	Achieved
2. By 2012, the NS has developed at least two proposals for donor to work on health community health interventions addressing key trends.	100%	Achieved

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The NS is promoting a better understanding to its activities in contexts of violence increased capacities of volunteers and staff to work on with an integrated approach, especially in urban areas.

Outcome 3.6. Youth, as agents for change of the Red Cross network, are a leading voice for joint actions with different sectors of society for inclusion, peace and innovation.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. During 2012 National Society have defined a plan and strategies for generational change, including the creation or revision of youth policies, establishing mechanisms for inter-generational learning and developing innovative youth programmes	75%	The SRCS has identified a youth member to be included in the Governing Board.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

- The NS has been participated in the Agents of Behavioural Change training in Haiti during XIX Inter-American Conference.
- YABC training will be held on 2013 as well as the promotion of friendly spaced for volunteers.

Business Line IV: To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work

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.

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Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. On 2012 leadership capacities are improved to further benefit the National Society's auxiliary role to influence public policies on issues related	50%	The SRCS has improved its high level strategic relationships through programme activities and will

to inequality and marginalization, which have a direct impact on urban contexts, migration issues, violence, and to promote the National Society's and Movement's humanitarian access in times of disaster and crisis		continue to do so in the coming years.
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Comments on progress towards outcomes

The SRCS disaster response unit has increased its level of coordination and improved its relationship with the Civil Protection office, which facilitates access to vulnerable areas

The SCRS also actively participated in the Humanitarian Network and has been part of different inter-sectoral meetings. In this regard, the shelter cluster coordination in El Salvador was handed over to Habitat for Humanity International with a follow-up internal evaluation

Outcome: 4.2. Strong links are fostered with governments, the public (including especially opinion leaders), academia, private sector, and other partners of the Red Cross who work at local and national levels. Including representation in key fora to address humanitarian challenges and trends.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. During 2012 promotion of productive relationships with the government, the public (particularly opinion makers), academic institutions, the private sector, and other SRCS partners who work at the local and national level	0%	Not achieved. Postponed to 2013.
2. During 2012 The SRCS's humanitarian and advocacy labours with the public authorities contribute to promote and support the implementation of commitments made by the government of El Salvador at the 31st International Conference regarding the application of international disaster response law risk reduction, coordination measures, and the provision of shelter to people affected by disasters and crises	0%	Not achieved. Postponed to 2013
3. Develop alliances with national and international universities and research centres to optimize the introduction of cutting-edge knowledge and technological tools to improve administrative processes	0%	Not achieved. Postponed to 2013

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The structural changes that the SRCS is undergoing have slowed down the achievement of this outcome, which will be postponed to 2013.

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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. During 2012 the National Society and donors increasingly invest more financial and human resources to improve the skills of volunteers and	100%	The SRCS has hired a new General Director, which will join the team on January 2013

technical staff to provide internal support services as a way to more efficient programming		
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Comments on progress towards outcomes

The recruitment of the General Director was carried out in the last quarter of the year by PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Business Line V: To deepen our tradition of togetherness through joint working and accountability

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

Output 5.1.1: A network of practice is established through FedNet and other information sharing tools in each support services area (Admin, Finance, HR, Logistics, PMER and IT/Telecom).

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. On 2012 A knowledge network is established to disseminate innovations; promote cooperation between technical and administrative departments and improve the disaster response skills in administration and finances, IT/ telecommunications, human resources, logistics and planning, monitoring, reports and evaluation	75%	The process is still ongoing, due to the current structural changes within the SRCS.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

IFRC policies on support services (finance, administration, human resources and planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation) have been disseminated within the SRCS.

With the support of the Spanish Red Cross the National Society is developing plan with key management areas must be developed, as well STAR Process by the American Red Cross in order to strength the capacities of the NS. Both processes will be implemented during 2013.

Outcome: 5.3: National Societies' access and ability to use affordable technologies are improved, increasing outreach in a self-sustaining manner by bridging the digital divide.

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The National Society's access and ability to use technology, increase self-sustainable dissemination and connect digital technology gaps are improved	60%	An assessment of digital technology will be finalized on June 2013.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Digital Divide has been prioritized by the Ns in order to delivery better services. The assessment will finalize on June 2013.

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	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. The National Society participates in the Federation Wide Reporting System and the Databank that promote shared responsibilities through mutual accountability and good governance at all levels, demonstrating the Federation's effectiveness, transparency and reliability to partners, donors and the general public.	75%	SRCS reported on 4 indicators of the FWRS.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
The SRCS has uploaded information on four of the seven 2011 FWRS proxy indicator and has move forward with the updating and compilation of key information for internal and external use.

Outcome 5.6: Federation policies and best practices on support services are increasingly adopted and implemented by National Societies.

Output 5.6.1: International Federation policies on support services (finance, administration, human resources and planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation) are disseminated among National Societies

Indicators	Annual Target	Implementation to date
1. Number of policies and improved practices for support services are adopted and implemented by the National Society	50%	This process is currently under revision.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
For the first time in fourteen years, the SRCS is revising its Statutes, policies and rules.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Weakness in the management structure	H	Support and advice in the elaboration of a new organizational chart and the alignment of the SRCS Strategic Plan.
Lack of sustainability in the financing of their programs	M	Strengthen the work in resource mobilization.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

The Salvadoreña Red Cross has made progress in the renewing itself as an organization, which is reflected in the appointment of new leaders and in the design of a new organizational structure; these achievements have served to clarify roles and responsibilities for a better programming implementation.

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.

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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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