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*Volunteers from the Dominican Red Cross
carry out training activities together with
community members. Source: DRC*



Overview

During 2013 the efforts against the cholera outbreaks were continued. Along with cholera awareness-raising campaigns, the Dominican Red Cross (DRC) supported the Ministry of Health in epidemiological surveillance using the volunteer network. In addition, with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the DRC developed activities in response to the new outbreaks, together with the Haitian Red Cross (HRC) and in coordination with the Coalition to Eliminate Cholera in Haiti and the government.

Currently the main focus of work of the DCR is still working in disaster response, however there is still much work to do from the standpoint of the three pillars for development. These three pillars would be: the internal and external communication, application of a strategy for resource mobilization and the formulation of a Binational Plan of Action based on the bilateral agreement of cooperation with the Haitian Red Cross.

Regarding the political panorama the country during 2013, a point to highlight is the Sentence 168-13 of the Constitutional Tribunal, which ruled that the children of citizens in transit born in the Dominican Republic are denied the right to Dominican nationality, this generated strong debates and reactions at the national and international levels.

Working in partnership

The International Federation has a Country Office in the Dominican Republic, as well as a Spanish Red Cross office, and a regional office of the German Red Cross. Other National Societies provide programme support, such as the Canadian Red Cross in response and preparedness. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) covers the Dominican Republic through its office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

In terms of cooperation between National Societies, the Haitian Red Cross is an important partner with which the DRC maintains a bilateral cooperation agreement since 2003 and updated at the end of 2013.

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

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

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

Operational Partners	Agreement
Spanish Red Cross	bilateral cooperation agreement
German Red Cross	bilateral cooperation agreement
Haitian Red Cross	bilateral cooperation agreement
Canadian Red Cross	First Response Initiative project
IFRC	Coordination and support

Progress towards outcomes

This section should be structured under the IFRC secretariat's business lines.

Business line I: 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 1.1.1 Humanitarian access is addressed through learning and action

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
The DRC reflects a greater understanding, dissemination and application of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values in the actions of the National Society.	0	1 consultation completed	The DRC participated at the consultation framework on the Fundamental Principles, increasing its understanding and application of the FPV.
By the end of 2013 the Dominican Republic Red Cross and the Government of Dominican Republic have adopted the IDRL guidelines.	0	4 meeting	As part of the consultancy, there is a working group formed. This group (interagency) has supported the tasks established for the consultation
The Dominican Republic Red Cross would develop capacities in legal preparedness for international disaster assistance and its interlocutory capacity with the DR Government	0	8 people	The DRC is one component in the working group of the IDRL Consultation (mentioned above.)
At the end 2013, Identified primary key elements of			A MoU was signed among the

a civil-military coordination to elaborate a country strategy	0	1 meeting	DRC and the Minister of Defense of the Dominican Red Cross is identifying elements of a civil-military coordination
2012			
1. 120 members of the DRC have been trained to greater understanding, dissemination and application of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values in the actions of the National Society.	0	120	As least 4 activities sponsored by IFRC with the DRC have included a training session in Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values.
2. During 2012, the 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 execution of the project, in April 2011 they received a first funds transfers (CHF 13,305) in accordance with the MoU.
3. The totality of the DRC branches senior staff (150) are aware of the 2002 DRR law 147-2 and its consequences in the daily Disaster Risk Management work.	0	150	Not achieved.
4. The local authorities where the 150 RC branches are geographically positioned, are being informed and sensibilised of their DRR mandate through the law 147-2.	0	150	In the scenario of the Forum in Urban Risk held in Santo Domingo in October 9-12, 50 s from 20 institutions and ONGs were addressed with sharing of DRM tools and the Law 147-2.
5. 20 institutions in the country are met bilaterally by the senior DRC executive and sensibilised by the law 147-2. The DRC DRR plan is being shown to the institutions as a path to follow.	0	20	In the scenario of the Urban Risk Forum, held in Santo Domingo in October , 50 participants from 20 institutions and ONGs were addressed with sharing of DRM tools and the Law 147-2.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The DRC has signed a MoU for the execution of the project to Improve the legal framework for international humanitarian assistance (IDRL), in April 2012 they received a first funds transfers in accordance with the MoU, to hire an Advisor as part of the consultation of the disaster law in the Dominican Republic. Actions related to both civil-military relations and IDRL continued in the 2013, according to plan.

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 the Americas

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			

1 At the end 2013, the DRC has fulfilled the requirements of FWRS	0	7 proxy indicators	The DRC complied with reporting in the FDRS platform in 2013
2012			
1. In 2012, The DRC has completed requirements of Federation Wide Reporting System	0	1	The DRC did not identify a focal point on this theme, but this year's report covers 7 indicators of FWRS, through the DFID questionnaire, as it was a requirement of the IDRL project.

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
2012			
1. The DRC has strategic plan and operational planning aligned with S2020 and IAC	1	1	At the end of the year, the DRC had a first meeting to elaborate a draft of the strategy aligned with the Inter-American Framework for Action. The meeting has the participation of staff of the DRC HQ in representation of all the programmes and working areas of the National Society.

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
At the end of 2013, the DRC has completed the self-assessment phase (OCAC Level 1)	0	1 self-assessment	Postponed to 2014.
2012			
At the end of 2012, the National Society has improved its organizational capacities previous to starts with the OCAC process.	0	1	One person of the DRC has participated in the OCAC workshop facilitator. However, the date to start the phase 1 of OCAC is still not defined.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Dominican Red Cross is interested in the OCAC process, however it has not yet been possible to carry it out in the past two years.

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
The number of registered users of the learning platform has increased by 45% in comparison with 2012.	150		The number of register users of the learning platform has increased by 80% in comparison with early 2012.
2012			
1. In 2012, the responsible of Human Resources is included in HR Network and they have adopted best practices and policies in HR administration.	0	1	The HR management at the DRC is willing and ready to implement the best practices and lessons learned. At the moment, the DRC is working on a plan for 2013 to ensure the application of those improvements within the National Society.
2. Increased the number of registering at the learning platform in 45% compared with 2011.	90	150	Every meeting and workshop included a session to encourage the participants to promote, register and use the Learning Platform, and complete the basic courses on it. At end of 2012 there was a reflected increase in 60% on the users registered, in relation with the end of 2011

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Since the beginning of the year we continued to promote the learning platform, sending information about the platform and including sessions of the IFRC/LP in meetings and workshops. The WORC course and basic course for volunteers is an example. Is necessary to implement new alternatives to facilitate the promotion and encourage the members to continue the trainings

In each meeting or workshop is included a session to encourage the participants to promote, register and use the Learning Platform, and complete as least the basics course on it. (WORC, Code of Conduct, Basic Course of Volunteering).

Business Line II: DISASTER AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

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

Output 2.1.1: Key humanitarian trends integrated into their disaster crisis plans and programmes

Measurement

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
10 members of NS have completed and are prepared with knowledge of standard of reliefs operations.	20	30	28 staff and volunteers of the DRC has completed the Sphere project workshop, at the same time 4 staff completed the ToT facilitator cycle for Sphere.
The local authorities where the 32 RC branches are geographically positioned, are being informed and sensibilised of their DRR mandate through the law 147-2.	0	32	31 branches representative of the same number of provinces received guidelines and information to be disseminated at the local level.
Construction activities demonstrate the involvement of the affected population and the maximising of local livelihood opportunities.	0	10	5 members of DRC has acquired capacities for shelter solutions with participatory community approach.
2012			
1. The DRC applies tools and methodologies for community-based response and recovery and has shared results of best practices with other regions, and in accordance with humanitarian trends	0	1	The DRC implements Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA), Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (DANA), Community health and first aid (CHFA), in the community and supports the branches in the border with Haiti to share their experience with the HRCS.
2. The DRC has updated the curricula of NITs for emergency water and sanitation taking into account the humanitarian tendencies.	1	1	No progress.
3. The Dominican CR has introduced and socialized their DRM policy	1	1	The DRC continues applying the above mentioned tools in the community and supporting the border branches to share their experience with the HRCS.

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2012			
1. The DRC has 25 people trained in rescue in collapsed structures.	0	25	No progress. The training was postponed, as the priority of the DRC was to implement the pending workshops for the FRI projects.
2. The DRC has 2 modules complete equipment for disaster assistance for collapse of structures.	0	2	No progress.

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2012			
1. In 2012, the DRC integrated approach to climate change in their risk management program.			No progress. The DRC decided to prioritize Urban Risk over climate change. However, the organization is interested in introducing this trend in their programmes.
2. The DRC has 1 team to manage the information in cases of outbreaks of disease result from the effects of climate change.			The community health department carries out continuous prevention actions against epidemiological outbreaks, especially cholera. One person from the DRC staff has completed a health internship, and will support in implementation of the methodology and share knowledge inside the NS.

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2012			
1. The DRC improves its humanitarian action towards migrant groups and migrant communities in the border region of the country.			A proposal has been finalised and will be used for potential fundraising activities

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

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

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
At the end of 2013, the DRC has a warehouse (resources, equipment and system) organized according with IFRC standards for this topic			The technical support received from the IFRC allowed to standardize the procedures and tools for the logistic department of DRC. It's remain improvement of the system(software)
2012			
1. The DRC has 1 additional knowledge resource for the implementation of logistics practices of the Federation.	0	1	One person from the DRC participated in a logistics internship, and will enhance and apply good practices in warehouse management and logistics within the DRC

Comments on progress towards outcomes

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

For the 2013 the DRC had a logistic officer dedicated 100% to the logistic issues for the NS, covered by the Federation Office cost. This staff has the IFRC training and his expertise have to be taken in advantage by the DRC.

A group of 20 people from the DRC were trained in the management of the vehicle fleet according with the IFRC methodology.

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

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2012			
A bilateral cooperation agreement is updated and signed between DRC and Haitian RC	1	1 updated	No progress. A meeting with both National Societies is needed in order to draft a Plan of Action for bilateral cooperation. However this has been achieved in the end of 2013,

			although it was no longer an active indicator.
The DRC focuses all its programs in preparation for emergency response.	1	1	This indicator is strongly supported by the implementation of First Response Initiative(FRI), including more than 12 workshops in different areas of the emergencies: (National Intervention Team, Shelter, Vulnerability and Capacities Assessment VCA), and micro projects planning for the communities, Volunteering in Emergencies).

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Work against this outcome was not continued in 2013.

Business Line III: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
By the end of 2013, 15 Dominican Red Cross (DRC) branches have submitted development plans for two years to the DRC headquarters	0	1 National plan	By December the revision of the plan was presented to the General Assembly of the DRC and it was approved as the National Strategic Plan 2014-2017
2012			
1. In Q3 of 2012, NS staff (4) completing an online course with Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (2012Q3)	0	4	This target was discarded after the DRC prioritized finance development, training 10 people from its staff in a workshop on IFRC financial system.
2. The DRC have a National Development plan 2012-2015, and it is shared in all branches.	1	1	The DRC is still drafting the National Strategy.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

A draft document of the National Strategy was reviewed during the first half of 2013. In August, each president of 31 branches and representatives of the Council of the DRC received a copy of the draft document to provide comments to this document. In December, the National Strategic Plan 2014-2017 was finally approved.

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
2012			
1 1,500 families have been reached in the community orientation of the main risks in disaster situations.	0	1500	The DRC has reached more than 2,000 families with activities of sensitization and preparedness through the execution of 2 DREF operations and a community preparedness project in the southern region.

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

Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2012			
1. Consulting to elaborate one case study about volunteering in urban settings in the DR.	0	1 study	No progress . It may be considered for next year, in accordance with DRC priorities.
2. The DRM program management of DRC is improved and is updated in line with new trends	1	1	The DRC has worked at different levels with the trends (climate change, migration, urban risk and violence prevention) and their integration within its programmes and strategy.
3. The DRC has a better understanding of management in urban risk context.	1	1	The DRC has a good understanding and makes advocacy among the components of the system in the importance of coordinate and integrate others sectors in the preparation to the risk in urban context.
4. The relationship of DRC with government and local authorities is strengthened and participates in national and regional forums for coordination on urban risk .	0	3 events	The DRC took advantage of an Urban Risk Forum held in the Dominican Republic as a chance to build a dialogue and exchange knowledge based on national and international best practices in this issue

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Work against this outcome was not continued in 2013.

Outcome 3.5.: : Volunteers of National Societies, representing all sectors and ages and involved in all aspects of National Society life from decision making to programme implementation, are key actors in

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Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
By the end of 2013, at least 200 volunteers in branches have completed the online WORC course. (certificate)			At least 75 volunteers in branches reached with the promotion of the WORC course, 52 DRC members are taking the course, 7 have completed the course.
By the end of 2013, the DRC has improved its self-assessment rating of volunteering in emergency in least 3 aspects reflected in the evaluation of 2012.			The DRC has worked in increasing the number of volunteers with identification cards and providing new equipment for volunteers in emergencies in 12 provincial branches and headquarters.
In 2013, volunteering in emergencies (ViE) material has reached at least 30 provincial branches.			The DRC was active in the development of the Volunteering law, however, dissemination of the ViE materials to the branches still needs to be completed in a systematic manner.
2012			
1. The volunteer plan 2012 its defined and approved by the NS.	0	1 plan	No progress yet. The National Society has not decided how to approach this target. It will be postponed until 2013.
2. At least 200 volunteers in branches have completed the online WORC course. (certificate)	0	200 volunteers	This has not yet been measured. Will be postponed to 2013.
3. The Database application system is in use and procedures in place.	0	1	Support in database management and best practices from other National Societies have been provided to the DRC. The DRC still has to make a decision about which database solution they want to implement.
4. All ViE activities carry out according to project plan.	0	1	The DRC has received support for the activities planned within the FRI. In February 2012, a Volunteering in Emergencies (ViE) workshop was carried out. This workshop facilitated knowledge sharing about the importance of strengthening the work of volunteers during emergencies.

5. In 2012, the material of volunteering in emergencies has reached at least in 30 provincial branches.	0	30 branches	All available ViE amterials have been shared with the DRC, the monitoring of the roll-out to the branches is still pending.
6. In 2012, volunteer representatives have participated at least in 3 relevant events.	0	3 events	Three volunteers participated in a Youth as Agent for Behavior Change (YABC) conference in Haiti. The experience and knowlegde acquired by these volunteers will help in share the contents with the DRC youth...

Comments on progress towards outcomes

At country level was launched the Volunteering Law 61-13 in December. The production of this law counted with the participation of different institutions with volunteering corps, within which the DRC had an active participation and advocacy in the proposal of the aspects of volunteering that in this law should be covered, in reference to the IFRC Volunteering policy.

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.

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

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Work against this outcome was not continued in 2013.

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			

1 In 2013, Dominican Red Cross has a functional website and is in use.			On December 2013, the website for the DRC was presented to the assembly and approved to be launched in January. One staff of the NS was trained in the design of webpage and web mastering. This person with support of the IFRC country Coordinator designed the new website for the DRC.
2 At least 28 people have been integrated into the National Communications network by the end of 2013.			No progress yet. Will be postponed again.
2012			
1. In 2012, Dominican Red Cross has a functional website and is in use.	0	1 site	No progress yet. Will be postponed.
2. At the end 2012 , the DRC has developed the Strategic Communication for external and internal communication	0	1 strategy	No progress yet. Was postponed to 2013 and changed to Business Line V.
3. The NS has strengthened the communicators network and 28 people integrated this National Communication Network.	0	28 communicators	No progress yet. Will be postponed.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Structuring of the communications department is necessary to continue the development of the activities beyond 2013. The website has been approved and published and there is staff trained for its operation. However neither the network, nor the strategy are properly established.

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

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
At end of 2013, the Resource Mobilisation strategy is harmonized and the DRC has established as least two (2) new alliances with the local private sector.			Not achieved.
At the end 2013, the NS has one strategy focused in the improvement of three primary keys, production, donation and quality issues.			The draft document of the strategy is in place. The NS needs to completes the self-assessment for blood bank services.
2012			

1 At the end of 2012 DRC has at least 2 new funding partners given implementation of the RM Plan.	0	2	No progress
2 In 2012, the DRC has identified 5 institutions with whom are carried out cooperation plans for 2013.	0	5	No progress

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The DRC is looking forward to scale up its resource mobilization (and relationship management actions), and will focus actions in this area during 2014.

Business Line V: EFFECTIVE JOINT WORKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

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

Comments on progress towards outcomes

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

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 5.1.3 National Societies participate in the Federation-wide communication strategy

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
At the end 2013 , the DRC has developed their Communication Strategy for external and internal communication			Not achieved.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

It was not possible to reach the indicator in 2013, due to limited HR capacities for communications unit in the NS.

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

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
The DRC has a strategic 2012-2015 plan aligned with S2020 and IAC			The DRC has approved its National Strategic Plan 2014-2017, aligned with S2020, IAC and Montrouis Commitments
the DRC could at least report on 1 FWRS indicator.			The DRC has updated the 7 indicators in the FDRS platform
2012			
1. The DRC has a strategic 2012-2015 aligned with S2020 and IAC	1	1 update	A monitoring team is working with the first draft of the strategy, after the first meeting held with the representatives areas of the DRC
2. The DRC could at least report on 1 FWRS indicator.			This year the DRC's report covers over 7 indicators of FWRS through the DFID questionnaire.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

By the end of December 2012 a first meeting was held to get outcomes to elaborate a document draft aligned with MAI. Since the beginning of 2013 the elaboration of the draft is in place. During the first half of 2013, the draft document of the strategic plan aligned with the IAF and S2020 was submitted to the DRC's President to be revised. In December the revision of the plan was presented to the general assembly of DRC and it was approved as the National Strategic Plan 2014-2017.

The binational meeting among DRC and Haitian RC, and the workshop of planning for the presidents of the branches: both activities facilitated the planning process and the mechanism for approval of the document.

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

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
At the end of 2013, at least 8 branches of the DRC have improved the presentation of their project proposals			By the end of 2013, 30 branch presidents have improved their knowledge on project proposal development, it is expected to measure the impact of this training in 2014

OUTPUT 5.6.2. National Societies in the Americas region have improved their capacity in the area of finance and therefore have achieved some common goals of a well-functioning finance department, enabling them to move from the working advance (WA) system to the Cash Transfer system (CT System):

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Implementation to date
2013			
The finance process is improved in accordance with standards and upturn of the system.	0	1 upgrade	The DRC was provided with a new IT platform to host the financial system.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous improvement efforts in planning, monitoring and reporting of the DRC, leading up to the level of the general secretaries of the branches use of planning of projects and programs tool to support a comprehensive promotion of the PMER. Improved the finance platform of the DRC, in a first phase, through the acquisition of new IT equipment and server to host the financial system, which ensures system availability. A second phase, it will be the upgrade of the current finance system.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Lack of financial resources for the sustainability of some programs and	H	Explore the establishment of partnerships with the private sector and civil society

<p>implementation of new initiatives.</p> <p>DRC has acquired an increased capacity of members in different areas of the programs through training, especially with support of the Canadian Red Cross through the First Response Initiative project</p> <p>It has improved the public image of the Dominican CR, defining more clearly their identity to society. Adoption of a strategy for external and internal communication must be prioritized.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>H</p>	<p>organizations.</p> <p>Implement a specific strategy for income generation and development of financial resources, to diversify funding and allows self-sustainability in the mid-term.</p> <p>Increase in number of projects proposed for support in obtaining financing, and develop the potentiality of the members.</p> <p>Develop a plan of human resource development, management and development of volunteering, allowing their continued training and active involvement in the life of the National Society.</p> <p>Increase the capacity of its communications department and define a strategy for both external and internal communication, projecting a consistent image of their activities on behalf of vulnerable people</p>
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Lessons learned and looking ahead

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

Financial situation

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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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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