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*IFRC Secretary General Elhadj As Sy
addressing Parliamentarians of the
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Overview

In 2014, the main priority of the IFRC Secretariat's support to the Russian Red Cross's (RRC) activities was the enhancement of the Russian Red Cross's organizational capacity to ensure close collaboration with the Russian Federation's government authorities for the implementation of the resolution of the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The following priorities are identified for the IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow.

- **Technical support of the organisational development process of the Russian Red Cross** based on recommendations of the Organisational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) process, as well as support to the National Society in increasing its technical knowledge and the skills of staff and volunteers on program development.
- **Strengthening of the legal base of the Russian Red Cross** and enhance the dialogue between Russian Governmental authorities and RRC to identify the legal status of the NS with regard to its auxiliary role to the Government as a leading national humanitarian organisation.
- **Further strengthening of cooperation with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the nine Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)** in order to combine their efforts and experience in fulfilling their mandate in the humanitarian field, with a strong focus on migration, disaster law, health and Red Cross Red Crescent law.
- **Enhancement of the operational capacity of the Russian Red Cross** based on the priorities identified in Strategy 2020 of the Russian National Society:
 - *Dissemination of international Red Cross Red Crescent Fundamental Principles and Values* among staff, volunteers and the general population;
 - *Provision of Health & Care and social services* with special focus on healthy life style, TB control, support to people living with HIV (PLHIV), First Aid, and Child Protection;
 - *Management of disaster preparedness and response*, based on cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) at federal and regional levels;
 - *Work with labour migrants*, with special focus on prevention of stigma and discrimination and provision of social and legal support to labour migrants;

- *Blood donors' recruitment, work with youth and volunteers.*
- **Facilitation of Movement coordination**, aimed at targeted support to the Russian Red Cross according to its Strategy 2020.

International and national political context in the Russian Federation

In 2014 the social and economic life in Russia was dominated by several factors related to the fluctuation of the local currency, a massive population movement from Ukraine and the financial instability resulting from reduced global oil prices and the mutual economic sanctions between Russia, the EU and the USA.

Population movement from Ukraine to Russia

The deterioration of the situation in the south-east of Ukraine caused a massive flow of Ukrainian citizens into the territory of Russia.

According to OCHA, 489,836 people have crossed the Ukraine-Russian border by 26 December 2014 due to military actions and have sought legal status in the territory of the Russian Federation; among them more than 245,510 people from Ukraine have applied to the Russian migration authorities for asylum. More than 272,000 people have applied to the local authorities and the Russian Red Cross for possible relief assistance. The majority of displaced people are staying with host families or at the houses of their relatives. By December 2014 Russian authorities have opened 968 temporary shelters in 50 regions of Russia where around 35,000 Ukrainians are accommodated. The Russian national and regional authorities are rendering the needed relief, health and care assistance and legal support to the displaced people. Russian RC is providing the necessary support as the auxiliary aid organization to the state authorities. (For Russian RC assistance to displaced people see the relevant section of the report.)

Massive flooding in Siberia and North Caucasus

At the end of May 2014, wide regions of Siberia and North Caucasus were affected by massive flooding. 22,545 persons were evacuated in 25 municipalities in the republics of Khakassia, Altai, Tuva and the Altai Territory in Siberia as well as in the Republic of Adygeya in North Caucasus. According to the national emergency response centre of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM), severe damages were reported with more than 4,000 houses and 12 motorways flooded. In addition, more than 1,500 persons had to be sheltered in evacuation centres. (For detailed information see the relevant section of the report).

Russian initiatives of international assistance

In the framework of its international assistance strategy the Russian Government made the following financial and in-kind contributions to different international organizations for the period 2014-2015:

- WHO -22 million USD for the Global Program of Fighting Non-Infectious Diseases;
- UNICEF – 2.6 million USD to assist to the children of afghan refugees in refugee camps in Iran;
- ICRC – 1 million USD for relief assistance in the south-east of Ukraine;
- Guinea Government - Mobile hospital to fight Ebola;
- Direct assistance to the population of South-Eastern Ukraine - 100,000 tons of food and non-food items.

In 2014, a significant fluctuation of the Russian rouble vs. the main world currencies, USD and EUR, was observed. In this period, the fluctuation of the Russian rouble reached -47% that negatively influenced the socio-economic situation in Russia and increased the vulnerability of significant segments of the population.

The Russian Government is taking possible measures to mitigate the negative consequences of such devaluation for the population and continues the further observation of the financial situation.

On 27-28 November 2014, IFRC SG Elhadj As Sy, and the Director of IFRC Europe Zone, Anitta Underlin visited Saint-Petersburg to participate in the 41st plenary session of IPA CIS. During the visit, the IFRC SG had a bilateral meeting with Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of IPA CIS and addressed the CIS parliamentarians (for more details see the relevant section of the report).

Working in partnership

Operational Partners	Agreement
RCRC Movement Partners	
American Red Cross	Integration Agreement between IFRC and AmRC. Cooperation Agreement between RRC and AmRC.
Norwegian Red Cross	Integration Agreement between IFRC and NorRC. Cooperation Agreement between RRC and NorRC.
Swedish Red Cross	Cooperation Agreement between IFRC and Swedish RC on the Voluntary Returnee Project
IFRC Hosted Project: Global Road Safety Partnership	Letter of Agreement with the Russian Red Cross
ICRC	Tri-Partite Movement Coordination Agreement
UN and international partners organizations	
World Health Organization	MoU between IFRC and WHO Europe
UNHCR	Coordination in the migration sphere in the framework of a global IFRC-UNHCR partnership
UNAIDS	Coordination on HIV issues in the framework of a global IFRC-UNAIDS partnership
UN Human Rights Office	Coordination in the migration sphere
Inter-state bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	
Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States	Memorandum of Understanding, May 2012
Collective Security Treaty Organization	Joint Plan of Action between IFRC and CSTO for 2014-2015
Government of the Russian Federation	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Russian Governmental contribution to IFRC for Russian language support during Statutory Meetings.
Ministry of Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters (EMERCOM)	Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian Red Cross: operational cooperation during disaster preparedness and response in Russia as well as at international level;
Federal Migration Service of Russia	Agreement on Establishment of Counselling Service of Russian Red Cross in the Federal Migration Centre
Federal Service of Sentence Execution	Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian Red Cross
Civil society organizations, charitable foundations and academic institutions	
The Russian NGO "AIDS – INFOSHARE"	Grant Agreement, on HIV/TB and STD prevention among migrants in Central Asia
People's Friendship University of Russia	Cooperation Agreement between IFRC and PFUR.
Russian National Library	Exchange of publications between IFRC and the Library and joint public awareness activity;

During the reporting period, representatives of the American Red Cross, Belarus Red Cross, Bulgarian RC, Iranian Red Crescent, Norwegian Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and Czech RC paid visits to the Russian RC and discussed the further bilateral cooperation between the NSs. In June 2014, the IFRC Secretariat

signed a cooperation agreement with Russian RC aimed at the implementation of the HIV prevention project until July 2015.

On 25-29 August 2014, the Iranian Red Crescent's team consisting of Professor Mohammad Farhadi, President, Dr. Seyed Hesamudin Madani, Head of the Medical Procurement Organization, Mohammad Sh. Mohammadi Araghi, USG for International Affairs and IHL were introduced to the Russian Red Cross's activities; they visited the Tracing and Information Centre of the Russian Red Cross, attended First Aid simulation exercises, and participated in the round table discussion about "*Perspectives of Cooperation between the Russian Red Cross and the Iranian Red Crescent*". The Iranian Red Crescent team visited the Russian National Crisis Management Centre and familiarized themselves with the Russian national system of disaster preparedness and disaster response. The signing of a Cooperation Agreement between the two National Societies became the central event of the visit.

Progress towards outcomes

Business line 1: TO RAISE HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

Outcome 1.1: RRC disseminates the Fundamental Principles and values among its staff, volunteers and general population

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Number of staff, volunteers and the general population covered		60,000	122,975
Direct:			
Staff			215
Volunteers			9,960
General population			94,500
Migrants community			18,000
Public authorities, parliamentarians			265
International partners			35
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period, the Russian Red Cross and the IFRC Secretariat's Regional Representation in Russia disseminated information about RCRC Fundamental Principles among staff, volunteers, and the general population in the framework of its program and humanitarian diplomacy activities. The following topics were incorporated into the training programs and curricula: • History of RCRC Movement; • History of Russian Red Cross; • The 150th anniversary of humanitarian activity; • The 150th anniversary of the Geneva Convention; • The 95th anniversary of IFRC; During January-December 2014, information about RCRC Fundamental Principles was disseminated through several trainings, meetings, publications in mass media. The cycle of events organized by Russian RC branches and IFRC Moscow Office was dedicated to 8th May being the World Red Cross Red Crescent Day. Special attention was paid to the Global Campaign # My Red Cross Story that was launched by Russian RC in Russian in the different social media, (V Kontakte, Facebook, etc.). Consolidated data about the total number of Russian RC staff, volunteers as well as general audience, including public authority representatives and general public, are reflected in the "Measurement" table above.			

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
A number of existing IFRC global training opportunities are available for and used by the staff starting 2012		Yes	Yes
DM trainings			89
Health: HIV, TB			75
Migration			9
In total:			173
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period the IFRC Secretariat, in close cooperation with American RC and Swedish RC, conducted a cycle of trainings and workshops for Russian Red Cross staff members from the headquarters (HQ) and several branches as well as for Russian speaking NSs: Armenian RC, Belarus RC, Kazakhstan RC, Kyrgyzstan RC, Tajik RC and Ukrainian RC aimed at increasing their professional knowledge and skills with the main focus on Health and Disaster Management issues. <u>The following types of trainings were organized:</u> • Basic two-day DM trainings organized by IFRC Moscow for RRC branches in 7 regions of Russia: Khabarovsk, Amur regions and Jewish Autonomous Oblast (January 2014) and in Altay, Khakassia, Tuva, and Adygeya regions (September-October 2014) • One week HIV prevention training for youth volunteers from Russian RC, Kazakhstan RC, organized jointly with AmRC in Moscow (May, 2014) • Two-day trainings for health promoters of the Russian RC, Kazakh RC, Kyrgyz RC, Tajik RC on TB/HIV/STD prevention issues among migrants (May 2014) • Two-day workshop on TB and HIV prevention in migrant communities for migration focal points from Kazakh RC, Kyrgyz RC, Russian RC, Tajik RC (June 2014) • Three-day workshop "Voluntary return of migrants" Swedish RC, Macedonia (May 2014) • Postgraduate Certificate in Global Health, from the University of Manchester (June-December 2014) • A cycle of trainings on PMER, Monitoring and Evaluation for project managers from Russian RC, Armenian RC, Belarus RC, Kazakhstan RC, Ukrainian RC organized jointly with AmRC in Moscow (October, 2014).			

Outcome 1.3: Close collaboration with research centres is established and joint surveys on the priority directions of activity are conducted

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Number of centres collaborating with IFRC/RRC		7	5
Number of joint research projects		3	3
Number of joint courses		2	1
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period, IFRC and Russian Red Cross continued their close cooperation with three well-known leading academic institutions of the Russian Federation: <i>People's Friendship University of Russia, Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, St. Petersburg Medical University, Russian National Library, Centre of Migration Research</i> aimed at dissemination of RCRC Principles and Values among students,			

postgraduates and the academic circles.

Cooperation with the People's Friendship University of Russia

In the reporting period, IFRC Moscow continued its cooperation with the People's Friendship University,

In April 2014 IFRC Moscow Office, jointly with Russian RC and the Department of International Law of the People's Friendship University of Russia (PFUR), organized a **model session (simulation) of the IFRC General Assembly**. The idea of the IFRC GA Model was adopted based on the similar experience conducted by the Korean Red Cross. The manual about the IFRC GA model was distributed during the GA in Sydney.

The purpose of the model session is the dissemination of the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement among youth while familiarizing them with the principles of work of the General Assembly, its mechanisms of elaboration and adoption of resolutions as well as providing a better understanding of the activities and roles of National Societies and the IFRC itself.

Students and PhD post-graduates of the International Law Department of PFUR from different countries represented their own National Societies: Albania, Bangladesh, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Ecuador, Georgia, Nigeria, Iraq, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine as well as observers.

It is important to mention that this model session **is the first of its kind in Russia as well as in the Russian-speaking countries** and has an interesting perspective to be promoted among different universities in the CIS. The Department of International Law is planning to develop a special manual on the IFRC GA Model Session that will be disseminated among academic institutions. Total number of participants: 55 people.

The video report about the IFRC GA model session was developed by the University and posted on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-RDNDIsTWs&feature=youtu.be>

In April 2014, IFRC Moscow Office and Russian Red Cross representatives took part in the **Annual International Law Conference**. International Law experts from more than 20 countries, academic institutions, diplomatic missions and international organizations participated in the conference. The Head of IFRC Moscow Office made a welcome speech in the plenary session and gave a presentation on International Disaster Law.

Three articles were published by IFRC/RRC representatives:

1. Review of relations between the Russian Red Cross and the public authorities:

A contribution towards strengthening the auxiliary role of the Russian Red Cross to the public authorities for effective response for the new humanitarian challenges and sustainable development. (Authors: Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Ms Raisa Lukutsova).

2. Protection of the Red Cross Emblem and title as an integral component of implementation of International Humanitarian law. (Author: Ms Raisa Lukutsova).

3. International migration: global trends, regional aspects and humanitarian priorities. (Author: Dr Davron Mukhamadiev).

Total number of participants: 800 people.

Photo exhibition "Three years of conflict in Syria"

On 26 May 2014, a photo exhibition entitled "Three Years of Conflict in Syria" was opened. During one day of the exhibition, more than 500 students from more than 40 countries visited. In this framework, IFRC organized information sessions with students where the IFRC audio visual delegate, Ibrahim Malla (IFRC MENA Office) made a presentation about IFRC/Syrian Arab Red Crescent activity.

The photo gallery attracted high interest and attention of the students. During active interaction, students had an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions about the photo gallery.

Total number of participants: 500 people

Cooperation with the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

In the reporting period the official magazine **"Diplomatic Service"** of the Diplomatic Academy of MFA published an article of Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of IFRC Moscow: **"95th Anniversary of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies: Power of Humanity from the Day of Foundation until Present Days"**. This magazine is very popular; the readership includes the academic and diplomatic community, MFA and Russian Embassies abroad as well as other governmental institutions.

http://www.panor.ru/journals/diplomat/new/index.php?ELEMENT_ID=102259

Circulation of the magazine: 10,000 copies.

World Disaster Report 2014. On 16 October 2014, the IFRC Regional Representation in Russia jointly with Russian RC conducted a special event devoted to the launch of the *World Disaster Report* (WDR) 2014 that was presented at the Centre of Documents of International Organizations of the Russian State Library.

IFRC Moscow provided the Russian version of the WDR summary that was distributed to the participants and handed over to the library.

The WDR attracted a great interest of state and non-state institutions, the academic community, representatives of the four main religious congregations present in Russia as well as international organizations based in Moscow. Representatives of the following organizations took part in the event: Russian EMERCOM, Russian Federal Migration Service, Russian Council on International Affairs, People's Friendship University of Russia, Academy of State Service under President of Russia, Orthodox Church, Muslim Council, Jewish Religious Centre, Office of Buddhism in Russia, UN agencies (WHO, UN Human rights office). The WDR was widely highlighted in the Russian and international media:

- <http://www.asi.org.ru/news/novyi-doklad-o-globalnyh-katastrofah-posvyashhen-vzaimosvyazi-kultury-i-bedstvii/>
- <http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/russian/archives/177219/>
- <http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/russian/archives/177206/>

Cooperation with St. Petersburg State University.

On 12 November 2014, the Head of the IFRC Regional Representation in Russia took part in the International Symposium **“Medicine and Law in the 21st Century”**, Prospects of Harmonizing Laws on Healthcare and Drug Provision in the CIS Countries (co-organized by IPA CIS and St. Petersburg State University) and made a presentation in the plenary session on the Symposium, on the social and legal aspects of the migrants' access to health services.

Centre of Migration Researches of the Russian Academy of Science:

In 2014, IFRC and Russian RC developed a close cooperation with the Centre of Migration Researches of the Russian Academy of Science aimed to enhance the professional approach of RCRC staff and volunteers in the migration research sphere. In the period between June and December 2014, a joint research was conducted on the “Awareness of Migrants on TB and HIV” that covered 1,775 migrants.

During the reporting period, collaboration with four universities and research centres was established, three joint research projects conducted and two training courses developed.

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

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Analysis is conducted on a yearly basis		Yes	Yes

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
A number of DM centres for at least 400 families of potential beneficiaries are established	0	1	4
RRC develops and systematically updates disaster management mapping	0	Yes	Yes
RRC develops and updates Code of Conduct and security management rules and regulations in emergency situations	0	Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period IFRC Russia continued to provide technical and advisory support to Russian Red Cross on timely response to small and mid-scale disasters and disaster preparedness activity. <u>Disaster Response</u> <i>In January 2014</i>, IFRC Moscow jointly with three branches of Russian RC in Khabarovsk, Amur region and Jewish AO finalized a DREF operation in the Far East region: 9,000 beneficiaries received food, non-food, personal hygiene and water sanitation assistance. Between May and October 2014, IFRC Moscow jointly with Russian Red Cross finalized a DREF operation for the population affected by massive flooding in four regions of Siberia and North Caucasus: Altai Krai, Khakassia, Tuva and Adygeya Republic. 10,470 vulnerable people (3,440 households) provided with food, non-food, personal hygiene and sanitary items for the most affected by massive floods. Relief distribution was implemented according to the initial schedule. In result of excellent cooperation with public authorities and corporate sector in rational using financial resources allocated by DREF, Russian Red Cross provided assistance to additional 940 households. In result, total number of beneficiaries covered by DREF 10,470 vulnerable people (3,440 households) compare to 7,536 people (2500 households) that initially planned. In October 2014, IFRC and Russian RC conducted joint monitoring visits to all above indicated regions, conducted lessons learned workshops. During the visits, representatives of local authorities expressed high acknowledgement to IFRC for timely assistance. Upon IFRC recommendations, Russian RC branches in Khabarovsk, Altai, Khakassia, Tuva and Adygeya set up pre-position non-food emergency stocks established with the support of local authorities and corporate partners: in Altay for 600 people, Khakassia for 200 people, Tuva for 500 people, and Adygeya for 150 people. <i>In November 2014</i>, Alberto Monguzzi, Europe Zone DM Coordinator, visited Russia to conduct an assessment of situation of displaced people in Russia from Ukraine. During the visit, meetings with Russian RC HQ, Russian EMERCOM were conducted. The joint IFRC/RRC monitoring team visited temporary shelters in Lipetsk region and assessed life conditions of Ukraine refugees and possible winterization assistance. Upon results of the visit and based on rapid assessment made by Russian RC, IFRC launched DREF for 5,000 most vulnerable refugees in Belgorod, Volgograd, Voronezh and Lipetsk. The operation is implemented until 15 March 2015.			

Outcome 2.3: RRC has improved its cooperation with EMERCOM

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Number of trained staff members and volunteers in 5 regional branches	0	5 people in each of the 5 branches	89
By 2015 RRC jointly with EMERCOM sets up		Yes	Yes

system of training of staff and volunteers on disaster preparedness and disaster response programs			
RRC updates Plan of Action jointly with EMERCOM and implements it at federal and regional levels		Yes, at least in 10 branches	Yes, regional plans have been updated and implemented in 15 regional branches.
RRC promotes IDRL in collaboration with EMERCOM		Yes	Model Disaster I Law adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of CIS and included in the topics of all DM trainings conducted by RRC

Comments on progress towards outcomes

In the reporting period, IFRC Moscow continued to provide methodological support for three DM Centers, established in 2012-2013 in Ingushetia (2012), Arkhangelsk and Dagestan (2013) for further development of the Centres' activity and strengthening their cooperation with the Russian EMERCOM.

In March –April 2014, the DM center in Ingushetia developed its Operational Procedures that will be further used for other centers.

In January 2014, in the framework of the implementation of a DREF operation in the Far East, a two-day training for DM staff and volunteers in Khabarovsk and the Jewish AO was organized by IFRC Moscow with the following participants:

- Three regional branches of Russian RC: Amur, Khabarovsk and Jewish AO;
- EMERCOM divisions of Amur, Khabarovsk and Jewish AO;
- Local authorities of Amur, Khabarovsk and Jewish AO;
- Partner NGOs and other voluntary groups collaborating with Russian RC during disasters;
- Mass media.

During the workshop, the following topics were discussed: Russian RC's response to massive floods: achievements, challenges, lessons learned and further opportunities. Special focus was laid on the existing mechanisms of disaster response, standard procedures, needs assessment, process of relief distribution, monitoring and reporting. IFRC provided basic information about IFRC DM rules and regulations, SPHERE standards, instruments of needs assessment and beneficiary selection. The above-mentioned topics were discussed in group sessions where participants from each region of operation (both Russian RC, EMERCOM and authorities) could share their experience, lessons learned and ideas on how to improve response capacity in the future.

More than 20 articles and reports in different mass media, including TV reflected the Russian RC's DM activity.

- <http://biratv.ru/novosti/vesti-radio/item/671-vesti-birobidzhan-31-oktyabrya-2013>
- <http://www.gorodnabire.ru/di-voch-44-7-13-noyabrya-2013-g/polosa-9>
- <http://www.gazetaeao.ru/gazetiy/birobidjaner-shtern/4414360-06.11.2013/komu-dostalasiy-pomoschiy-iz-jeneviy.html>
- <http://www.civitas.ru/news.php?code=14056>
- <http://www.hydrogen.ru/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=2421>
- <http://news.unipack.ru/46402/>
- <http://logistika-prim.ru/press-releases/sistema-coca-cola-okazala-pomoshch-postradavshim-ot-navodneniya-v-khabarovske-foto>
- <http://www.redcross.ru/news.php?nid=965>
- <http://www.habex.ru/paper/594/10751/>

Two types of DM Guidelines and Manuals, originally developed by the IFRC Secretariat, were translated and distributed among the above indicated centres as well as dispatched to the Secretariat in Geneva, the Europe Zone Office (EZO) in Budapest and the Russian speaking NSs:

Principles and Rules of Humanitarian assistance -1,000 copies;

Guide for planning in disaster situations – 200 copies.

Total number of participants: 32 people.

In the framework of the DREF operation, the IFRC and the Russian RC conducted a cycle of “lessons learned” workshops and basic DM training in Altay, Khakassia, Tuva, and Adygeya.

Different state and non actors involved in the operations took part in the workshops.

During the workshop, the following topics were discussed: Russian RC response to massive flood, achievements, challenges, lessons learned and further opportunities. The participants reflected on such challenges and lessons learned as the massive scale of disaster, the lack of communication and transport opportunities from the main cities to the villages, and consequently the lack of access to the village population, and the availability of contingency stocks only at RRC branch level. Special attention was paid to the existing mechanisms of disaster response, standard procedures, needs assessment, process of relief distribution, monitoring and reporting.

During the DREF operation, the concerned Russian Red Cross branches developed/updated their DM operational plans and procedures, and agreed them with the local authorities and the EMERCOM divisions. Taking into account that all four branches are located in disaster prone areas, contingency stocks for further disasters have been established with the support of local authorities and corporate partners.

In the reporting period, IFRC Moscow facilitated two main directions of cooperation with Russian EMERCOM.

(1) Further development of cooperation between Russian Red Cross and EMERCOM:

In 2014, Russian Red Cross continued its cooperation with EMERCOM at federal and regional levels.

The President of the Russian Red Cross maintains a systematic coordination with EMERCOM on the platform of the Public Council of EMERCOM where information about Russian RC disaster response activity is discussed and considered.

To enhance its effective response to small and mid-scale natural disasters, 20 Russian Red Cross branches developed /updated their Plans of Actions at regional level. Russian Red Cross branches in Arkhangelsk, Volgograd, Kaluga, Chukotka, Dagestan, Ingushetia, Kemerovo, Khabarovsk, Kaliningrad, Moscow Region, Rostov and Saint Petersburg conducted several types of joint events with the regional EMERCOM divisions: simulation exercises, training sessions and First Aid competitions.

(2) IFRC/EMERCOM international collaboration

Two IFRC representatives, Pieter De Reijk, DM Department in Geneva, and Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of IFRC Moscow Office, participated in the international conference on the “*Improvement of Response to Large-Scale Floods*” that took place in Moscow on 21 May 2014 in the framework of an international exhibition under the title “**Integrated Security and Safety**”. Two presentations were made:

Pieter De Rijke: “IFRC Global DM tools and instruments” with particular focus on IFRC experience in response operations to massive floods: Philippines, Pakistan, Afghanistan, etc.

Dr Davron Mukhamadiev: “IFRC and Russian Red Cross cooperation with EMERCOM and local authorities during the DREF operation on massive flooding in the Russian Far East in 2013”.

The international conference attracted many specialists from different countries and international state research institutions that presented their own experience on effective response to massive floods. The Co-Chairmen of the Conference, Mr. Khalikov, Head of UN OCHA, and Mr. Viktor Akimov, Head of the Research Institute of Civil Protection of Russia noted that the Red Cross Red Crescent activities demonstrated a unique model of potential cooperation between IFRC and EMERCOM that could be used in future actions.

IFRC visit to the Centre for Special High-Risk Operations and the National Crisis Management Centre.

IFRC representatives, along with other international guests: representatives of Emergency agencies of more than 25 countries, had the unique opportunity to visit different divisions of EMERCOM and discuss their field experience: the Centre for Special High-Risk Operations “Leader” and the National Crisis Management Centre.

In May 2014, Russian EMERCOM introduced its system of international cooperation in disaster situations, where IFRC as an international humanitarian response agency was involved as part of the EMERCOM system.

RRC will promote IDRL in collaboration with EMERCOM and the CIS inter-governmental bodies.

In the reporting period significant progress was achieved on two important inter-state platforms: the Parliamentary Assembly of Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and the Inter-Parliamentary Parliamentary Assembly of the CIS in St. Petersburg:

15-16 April 2014, Parliamentary Assembly of Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO),

Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of IFRC Moscow, made a presentation about the Model International Disaster Law and participated in the session of the commission on social and legal issues and in the debates of parliamentarians and representatives of Emergency Ministries of six CSTO member states: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Tajikistan. Upon results of the session of PA CSTO, a special resolution was adopted where PA CSTO recommended to the national parliaments of the six CSTO member states to use the Model Law in daily practice.

22 May 2014, Inter-parliamentary Assembly of Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS)

The IFRC Secretariat submitted the draft of the Model International Disaster Law with comments by the national parliaments of 10 IPA CIS member states to the session of the standing commission on social and economic issues. Dr Yulia Gusinina-Paroz, Advisor to the Director of Europe Zone, represented the IFRC Secretariat in this meeting and participated in the debates. The text of the Model International Disaster Law will be submitted to the parliamentarians for further adoption in the autumn session of the IPA CIS.

In October 2014, the IFRC Regional Representation in Russia organized a joint visit of psycho-social support (PSS) experts of the Russian EMERCOM and the Russian RC to Tajikistan and conducted a 5-day PSS training jointly with UN-Women, the IFRC Office in Tajikistan and the Red Crescent of Tajikistan

The main aim of the visit was to learn from the long term experience of Russian RC and Russian EMERCOM on psychosocial support in disaster situation and share this experience and practice with the Red Crescent of Tajikistan.

Trainer psychologists of Russian RC and Russian EMERCOM conducted a PSS workshop for 22 representatives of the local disaster management teams of RCST and the EMERCOM of Tajikistan with special focus on gender specific issues in disasters. The training was very positively accepted by the participants and UN-Women and this type of cooperation will be continued in 2015. All costs of training were covered by UN-Women. See article on the UN-Women website: http://www.unwomen-eeca.org/ru/novosti_i_sobitiia/novosti/novosti_oon_zhenshini_veca/psychological_support_in_emerg_drr/

In 2014, IFRC Moscow strengthened its cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of CIS on the successful adoption of the Model Disaster Law proposed by IFRC.

IPA CIS adopted this Model law as one of its own models, with adjustments and amendments appropriate to the region. Parliamentarians of all 10 CIS member states have supported this initiative, which will significantly improve the legal base for international assistance in different disaster situations in the CIS area. During 2013-2014 the Model Disaster Law was intensively discussed in the permanent commission on social policy and human rights of IPA CIS, as well as during the joint IFRC/IPA CIS workshop where IPA CIS considered to develop the text of the law based on the text of IDRL and IFRC recommendations to the national parliaments. The text of the adopted law was shared with the NSs of the CIS member states for further use and dialogue between the NSs and the respective public authorities.

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

Outcome 3.1: RRC promotes the roll-out of S2020

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Strategy 2020 of Russian Red Cross is adopted		Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period Russian Red Cross implemented its Annual Development Plan for 2014 in line with IFRC S2020 and the Russian RC's Strategy 2020. Russian Red Cross implemented its activities in full conformity with Strategy 2020 of the Russian RC adopted by the 15th RRC Congress in 2011. The Strategic Development Plan for 2014 was adopted by the Governing Board of the Russian RC in January 2014. The progress of implementation of the Strategic Development Plan at branches as well as HQ levels was reported and discussed during the session of the Trustee Committee in April 2014 and during the meetings of the Presidium of Russian RC Governing Board in May 2014 and in September 2014.			

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Strategic Development Plan of RRC developed and adopted by Russian Red Cross		Yes	Yes
Number of Russian Red Cross branches involved in PMER trainings annually		5	RRC HQ + 7 regional branches
Russian Red Cross participates in the OCAC process		8 sessions	8 sessions finished in 2013
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period Russian RC updated its Strategic Development Plan for 2014 and adopted it at the session of its Governing Board. In 2014 four representatives of RRC HQ and representatives from seven branches took part in the PMER trainings, organized by IFRC in the framework of project implemented by Russian RC in close cooperation with American RC. The training took place in Moscow and was organized for NSs involved to the project: Armenian RC, Belarus RC, Kazakhstan RC, Ukraine RC. Each participant was provided with a full package of IFRC methodological materials which were specially adapted and included plans and a training program, with presentations visualizing all the trainings topics. All the above mentioned activities contribute to the strengthening capabilities in conducting similar trainings by themselves in the future that will contribute to the sustainability of the project activity.			

Outcome 3.3: RRC develops and systematically updates vulnerability mapping

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross updates its vulnerability mapping on a yearly basis.		Yes	In progress
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period, Russian Red Cross conducted several vulnerability mapping exercises in the framework of the currently implemented program activities. Two mapping exercises were conducted in the reporting period: (1) Community-based Health and First Aid and (2) Youth that were included in the IFRC surveys.			

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross Resource Centre on HIV is established and functioning.		Yes	Yes
Number of beneficiaries - Number of general population - Number of PLHIV (people living with HIV) - Children born to HIV positive mothers - HIV positive pregnant women - Number of young people reached with HIV prevention - Care givers		7,550 410 40 - - 5,150 -	8,226 2,169 952 54 40 4,583 428
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In 2014 Russian RC enhanced its activity related to HIV prevention and access of PLHIV to health and care assistance. 4th International HIV Conference for Eastern Europe and Central Asia on 12-13 May 2014 In the period from January to May 2014, IFRC Moscow facilitated a wide-ranging participation of RCRC delegates in the 4th International HIV Conference for Eastern Europe and Central Asia on 12-13 May 2014 in Moscow. In total, 17 representatives of NSs and IFRC in the region: Russian RC (6 people), Kyrgyz RC (2); Tajik RC (1); American RC (2); IFRC Kazakhstan (1); IFRC Tajikistan (2); IFRC Moscow (1); IFRC Secretariat in GVA (2) participated in the Conference. IFRC had a high profile in the Conference: IFRC and NS representatives made presentations in two plenary and three working sessions: In the Plenary Session, Matthias Schmale, IFRC Under-Secretary General made a presentation under the title: "A People-Centred Response to HIV/TB Epidemics – Red Cross Red Crescent approaches". In his speech, Matthias Schmale told decision makers: "With many other civil society organisations, we call on governments to remove legal, social and economic barriers that prevent equitable access to vital HIV-related services, particularly for key populations at higher risk of HIV". Dr Lasha Gogvadze, Senior Health Officer, made a presentation under the title "Impact of migration on populations at high risk for HIV infection" in the thematic session: Science and Medicine, Part, Integration and Issues of Epidemiological Surveillance among Labour Migrants in EECA Countries. Assel Tastanova, Migration Focal Point in the IFRC Secretariat's Almaty Office made a presentation around the			

theme "Access of migrants to prevention services in Central Asia" in the session: Civil Society, Prevention Among Most At-Risk Populations: "What to do to prevent infections?"

The IFRC Secretariat's representatives co-chaired two thematic sessions:

- Matthias Schmale co-chaired the session on "Science and Medicine: HIV and Tuberculosis".
- Dr Lasha Goguadze co-chaired the session "Civil Society. Access and Quality of Treatment in the EECA Region: Start earlier, sustain longer, and treat more effectively. What to do so that people don't die?"

Aron Brent, American RC Regional Delegate, was one of the panelists in the session on International Development Assistance.

An RC RC stand was established in the Conference Exhibition Hall where visual information about HIV prevention reflecting different types of activities of Russian RC and the Central Asian Migration Network were reflected. The RC RC stand attracted a high interest among the participants, and a significant amount of information materials was distributed.

Total number of people reached: 1,500 people.

The Program entitled "Regional Health Initiative in Eurasia"

In 2014 Russian Red Cross implemented the program "Regional Health Initiative in Eurasia" supported by American Red Cross in five regions: Tula, Sochi, Belorechensk, Irkutsk and Crimea regional branches under general coordination of RRC HQ. The program includes two HIV prevention projects for studying youth in Sochi and Belorechensk, with psycho-social component for PLHIV and care-givers in Belorechensk. Care and support projects in Tula, Irkutsk and Crimea for PLHIV and care-givers include the following components:

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

In the period between January- December 2014, the following activities were implemented based on three objectives.

A) Increase the technical capacity of RRC regional branches and headquarters in four key areas: 1) program management; 2) M&E; 3) resource mobilization; 4) volunteer management; HIV & healthy lifestyle programming.

A Level One "Volunteer Management" training was conducted for the Russian Red Cross staff (9 persons) and Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society staff (2 persons). All the 11 participants were successfully certified. Training protocol and module are elaborated and available on the web-site www.redcross-irkutsk.org

Technical Support Group (TSG) specialists and the RRC Resource Center leader offered 16 consultations; the final versions of 10 documents were prepared. Skype-conferences with regional branches projects' coordinators were held on matters of project applications preparations and M&E.

Two abstracts, developed by RRC Resource Centre together with RRC regional branches of Tula and Belorechensk, were accepted: "Contribution of palliative care services to return to active life of PLHIV in Tula city, Russia: project review" to the materials of the 20th International AIDS Conference in Australia and "Exploring the rate of awareness of HIV issues among the population of the Belorechensk district, Krasnodar region, Russia" to materials of the 4th International HIV/AIDS Conference for Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries.

In order to increase the National Societies' technical capacity in the field of project planning and volunteer management, **55 people from different national societies** of the region were trained, including:

	Participant/NS	Title of the training		
		PMER	Project Management, M&E	Volunteer management
	Armenian Red Cross	2	2	-
	Belarus Red Cross	8	3	2
	Kazakh Red Crescent	15	2	-
	Russian Red Cross	-	7	-
	Turkmenistan Red Crescent	3	-	-

	Ukrainian Red Cross	-	3	8
	Total:	28	17	10

All participants were provided with a full package of methodological materials which were specially developed/adapted and included plans and training programs, presentations visualizing all the trainings topics. The above mentioned will contribute to the strengthening of the National Societies in terms of RCRC capabilities in conducting similar trainings by themselves in the future that will contribute to the sustainability of the project activity.

In addition, 132 peer instructors of the Russian Red Cross were trained to conduct HIV prevention informational sessions among the studying youth.

B) Improve the quality of life of PLHIV and reduce the risk of HIV transmission among the population

All project sites paid special attention to the capacity of peer instructor's teams: in Irkutsk, an RC specialist was attracted for the conduction of methodological meetings; 12 instructors in Belorechensk are able to work independently now and conduct supervision for other volunteers; during additional trainings the Sochi regional branch "retrained" 24 instructors; the specialists of the Tula project conducted 26 methodological meetings for volunteers. The work of the Belorechensk volunteer team was highly appreciated by the Governor of Belorechensk oblast during his meeting with volunteers. The Hellenic Red Cross Society representative's visit to Belorechensk had a great response. The RRC's Belorechensk branch together with the city administration managed and hosted the visit. During the visit, the volunteers of the branch demonstrated their work within the framework of the project, including the information session and the HIV prevention action.

All the regional branches relocated their information sessions on HIV prevention to summer camps at the beginning of the school holidays.

The local government of Sochi provided the Sochi regional RRC branch with new premises instead of the old ones. The negotiation process took a long time because it was essential to find premises which respond to all regional branch necessities and allow for them to be fully functional.

The RRC's Tula regional branch indicates the constant improvement of the situation in the work of peer-instructors. The newly trained peer-instructors joined the volunteers trained in the first year of the project, so the number of the hosted information sessions was even more than planned.

From April to June 2014, support for Crimea RC branch activity, targeted at the direct assistance of clients of the project was provided through the Russian Red Cross. In view of legislative changes in the territory of Crimea, shifting from Ukraine to Russia, the Crimea RC branch stayed the only humanitarian organization with the right to assist those in need. As a result the project experienced a significant increase of new PLHIV clients.

In the second half of the 2014 the peer support group of Belorechensk branch intensified its activities inviting an infectious disease physician for consultations and conducting trainings on the base of new partners – rehabilitation center "the Revival" and the club "the Meeting". At the request of the project clients' relatives a special training was devoted to the risks of co-infection while attending medical facilities for PLHIV.

The RRC Irkutsk regional branch has a school of early child development for children born to HIV positive mother which started to work again from November. Lessons are held by a volunteer, a student of the pedagogical college.

2 hour mini-trainings for mothers devoted to the topic of family, upbringing of children, relationship between man and woman, possibilities for self-realization. RRC Irkutsk and Crimea regional branches provide their clients with social help using support of sponsors. So in Crimea 60 PLHIV were provided with food packages, in Irkutsk 40 newborn babies from 0 to 3 months were provided with milk formula. RRC Crimea branch conducted research among their clients to access the quality of the help provided and the use of knowledge and skills for disease management. The assessment demonstrated the good knowledge and use of skills on disease management in Simferopol, Yalta, Feodosiya, where the project has been working for more than one first year.

The results were not as good in Yevpatoria and in the Lenin district, which joined to the project in this year.

The new psychologist of Tula branch developed new training scenarios for PLHIV that include using music, competitions and creative tasks. The monthly checking of taking medicines hosted by a nurse jointly with the AIDS Centre's doctor revealed only one case (one client) of non-adherence to treatment.

The Belorechensk and Irkutsk branches hosted the children of the project's clients for the New Year holidays and Tula branch – for children receiving treatment in tuberculosis hospital.

8,226 beneficiaries were reached by above described project activities as following:

#	Category of beneficiaries	# of people
1.	Students of universities and colleges aged 15-24 peer to peer and dissemination events	4583
2.	Adult population, including teachers, parents and working population	2169
3.	PLHIV	952
4.	Children born to HIV positive mothers	54
5.	HIV positive pregnant women	40
6.	Caregivers	428
	Total	8226

C) A culture of learning is fostered and institutionalized among Russian RC branches and RC/RC partners

A positive review by Assistant Professor Dr O. Milushkina of the Pediatric Hygiene Department of the Second State Moscow Medical University was received on the informational and methodological modules on HIV prevention among young people and on the volunteer management training module. The informational and methodological modules on HIV prevention among young people were also discussed and adopted by the presidium meeting of the All-Russian Society of School and University Medicine and Health (RSSUMH).

The participation of representatives from the RRC Resource Centre (2 persons) and two involved regions (the Tula region and Belorechensk) at the 4th International HIV/AIDS Conference for Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries in Moscow became an important project achievement on the reporting quarter. Within the framework of participation the exhibit booth of the Red Cross and Red Crescent presented two information posters of the RRC Resource Centre with summary outcomes of the "Regional Initiatives on Healthcare" projects' program implementation by RC/RC National Societies in 5 countries (Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia) on the first poster and RRC Resource Centre work outcomes on HIV-infection and Tuberculosis on the second one. A photo exhibition on the activities of RRC, Tajik RC and Kyrgyz RC projects on infectious disease prevention among migrants was also presented in the booth.

In the reporting period, to attract the Regional Initiative participants' attention to competency development, 26 types of training materials were produced and classified by types of materials for easy reference and use by RCRC in a more targeted and conscious manner.

List of information materials distributed by Russian RC Resource Centre:

Type of material	Number of materials
Program management	13
Monitoring and estimation	5
Knowledge management and resource mobilization	3
Volunteer management, HIV-infection prevention	10
Total:	26

Three editions of the informational bulletin about the Russian Red Cross activity, the RRC Resource Centre and the Kazakh Red Crescent were developed and distributed. RRC regional branches used the recommendations on the organization of informational campaigns in HIV prevention to conduct events dedicated to 1 December 2014.

MDR-TB Response

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Number of Russian RC branches implementing TB and MDR TB response projects	-	7	10
Number of TB and MDR TB patients, receiving assistance from Russian RC	-	1,000	1,200
Number of local community representatives receiving information			

about TB			
• directly from RRC	4,534	3,400	3,194
• mass media coverage	50,000	20,000	35,000
• number of representatives of state authorities	25	10	28
• number of mass media representatives involved in RRC advocacy and social mobilization	43	15	20
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period seven Russian RC branches continued their support to regional TB institutions to implement sustainable TB control model with special focus on multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) of 1,200 patients in civilian and penal TB institutions of following regions: Adygeya, Belgorod, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, Khakassia, Khabarovsk, Kostroma and Pskov. Regional health authorities allocated financial resources to fulfill the Russian RC component of TB control program that includes psychosocial support of TB and MDR-TB patients for successful implementation of DOTS as well as social accompaniment of TB and MDR TB patients-prisoners before their release from penal institutions to ensure the continuation of their treatment in civilian TB institutions after their release. IFRC Moscow Office was providing the necessary advisory support to Russian RC at HQ and the above indicated regional branches to ensure the effectiveness of the implemented activities as well as to coordinate with different international and local stakeholders. Russian health authorities allocated funds for the Russian RC component of the TB control program to ensure complex social support to 1,200 TB patients. (<i>See details of funding in the section 4.1 of this report</i>) In the reporting period IFRC Moscow provided inter-agency coordination on such important platforms as: • <i>TB High Level Working Group</i>, functioning as a joint WHO / Ministry of Health (MoH) advisory body with the participation of the main stakeholders: representatives of MoH, the chief TB specialist of the Russian regions, as well as chief specialists of TB penal institutions, TB research institutes as well as international partners acting in Russia. • <i>WHO TB control inter-agency meetings</i>: monthly meetings conducted under WHO coordination with participation of the main international partners: WHO, IFRC, MSF, "Partners in Health", Eli Lilly MDR TB partnership. In the period from January to December 2014, IFRC Moscow and Russian RC representatives participated in the meetings of the above indicated platforms and held presentations on different TB control issues. <i>In March 2014</i>, IFRC Moscow and Russian RC representatives participated in the following scientific and media events, devoted to the World TB Day, 24 March: <i>International Scientific Youth Conference</i>, organized by Central TB Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Medical Science. Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of IFRC Regional Representation in Russia made a welcome speech and participated in the scientific panel of the Conference. More than 200 TB specialists of different Russian institutions as well as TB specialists from the CIS countries: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, participated in the conference and had an opportunity to present the results of their researches. <i>Joint WHO/MoH Press Conference</i> at one of the well-known Information Agencies, "Interfax". Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of IFRC Moscow Office informed the journalists on IFRC/Russian RC activities, on TB control among migrants as one of the main priorities of IFRC/RRC activities in Russia and the CIS. <i>Round-Table Meeting with journalists</i>, organized by the Eli Lilly MDR TB partnership, where IFRC Moscow Office made a presentation about the joint Eli Lilly/IFRC/RRC project on better access of labour migrants to earlier TB detection, diagnosis, prevention and treatment. <i>Project: "Strengthening advocacy and TB prevention measures in labor migrants communities of Moscow city" funded by Eli Lilly MDR TB partnership /UWW.</i> In the reporting period IFRC Moscow started cooperation with MDR TB Eli Lilly partnership in the framework of an IFRC global partnership with this organization. The project has a regional profile and is implemented jointly with Russian Red Cross, the Red Crescent Societies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in close cooperation with academic institutions: the Centre of Migration Researches (Russia) and Emory University (USA). The following activities were implemented during the reporting period. <u><i>Development of the questionnaire</i></u>: During April–May 2014, two experts from the Centre of Migration Researches were asked to develop questionnaires for migrants to evaluate their knowledge, attitude and			

practice in relation to tuberculosis, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Three types of questionnaires were developed, depending on the profile of migrants: 1) questionnaires for potential migrants in their countries of origin (Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan); 2) questionnaire for migrants in the transition country (Kazakhstan); 3a) questionnaire for organized migrants in Russia, accommodated and working in the centers of integration of migrants (Orenburg, Tambov), 3b) questionnaire for non - organized migrants (Moscow city and region, Volgograd). This composition will allow obtaining comprehensive data on TB /HIV and STD among migrants. This activity was implemented in close cooperation with Emory University (USA) and the Eli Lilly Office in Moscow that provided valuable advice on the contents of the questionnaires.

Training workshop to train interviewers: on 17-18 June 2014, IFRC Moscow Office jointly with Russian Red Cross, conducted a two day training workshop for interviewers that will complete and combine the data of the completed questionnaires. In order to achieve the objectives of the project, interviewers from RCRC national societies with different profiles (TB specialists, nurses, legal advisors for migrants, social officers) were invited from the following regions and countries. Russian RC: Moscow, Volgograd, Orenburg, Tambov, Kyrgyz RC, Tajikistan RC, Kazakhstan RC (in total 6 interviewers).

The training included practical exercises on the methodology of collecting data and the completion of questionnaires, as well as training sessions on the basic information about TB, HIV, STD, healthy life style, personal hygiene in the minimal volume adapted to the migrant communities.

- <http://news.tj/ru/news/obshchestva-krasnogo-kresta-i-krasnogo-polumesyatsa-zabotyatsya-o-zdorove-trudovykh-migrantov>
- <http://www.asi.org.ru/news/partnyorstvo-lilli-i-krasnyj-krest-nachinayut-realizatsiyu-novogo-sovmestnogo-proekta-po-protivodejstviyu-tuberkulezu/>
- http://www.journal-medkompas.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65:partnyorstvo-lilli-i-krasnyj-krest-nachinayut-realizatsiyu-novogo-sovmestnogo-proekta&catid=9&Itemid=114

The interviews for the research of **1,775** labour migrants in 4 regions of Russia as well as Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan were finalized. The analysis and research part of the project was finished at the end of January 2015 when the research report was presented to the main stakeholders. Health awareness sessions were organized for **3,194 participants** in the above indicated countries: see details in the next table.

#	Country/Region	# of interviewed migrants	# of migrants reached by health awareness sessions
1.	Russia: Moscow	150	150
2.	Russia: Orenburg	150	75
3.	Russia: Tambov	175	105
4.	Russia: Volgograd	100	118
5.	Kazakhstan	400	1366
6.	Kyrgyzstan	400	980
7.	Tajikistan	400	400
	Total:	1775	3194

All interviewed migrants in Russia (Moscow, Orenburg, Tambov and Volgograd) were provided with personal hygiene kits as incentives and tools for practical hygiene skills. Additionally 500 hygiene kits were provided to migrants covered by another IFRC project. Also, the IFRC provided more than 1,000 copies of information materials on TB/HIV among migrants in the Russian, Tajik, Uzbek and Kyrgyz languages produced in the framework of another IFRC-funded project.

The IFRC Secretariat, jointly with Russian Red Cross, strengthened its close collaboration with different stakeholders and partners involved in the Health - TB/HIV/STD projects for migrants in Russia:

With the Federal Migration Service, a series of meetings and events were conducted with the Department of Integration of Migrants, the key department responsible for the development and implementation of the Russian State Migration Policy. Such cooperation demonstrates the positive development: IFRC and Russian RC were invited to take part in the discussion of legal acts towards the health component of the social adaptation of migrants at the level of the State Duma (Russian Parliament).

Formal cooperation agreements were signed in three project regions: Volgograd, Orenburg and Tambov.

IFRC and Russian RC are part of the Civil Society Group established within the Department of Federal Migration Service of Moscow City and systematically participate in the coordination meetings where they can raise and discuss several health aspects of the adaptation of migrants.

IFRC set up positive working relationships with the Federal State Sanitary Epidemiological Service. During the reporting period several meetings were conducted and the motivation of migrants for earlier TB detection, diagnosis and treatment was discussed.

Promotion of the project implementation in Russian mass media. IFRC and Russian RC systematically promote their project activities in the mass media to attract public attention to the problem of tuberculosis among migrants in Russia.

- <http://www.asi.org.ru/news/partnyorstvo-lilli-i-krasnyj-krest-nachinayut-realizatsiyu-novogo-sovmestnogo-proekta-po-protivodejstviyu-tuberkulezu/>
- <http://www.vidal.ru/novosti/4371>
- <http://sip42.ru/partnerstvo-lilli-i-krasnyj-krest-nachinayut-novyj-proekt-po-protivodejstviyu-tuberkulezu/>
- <http://www.redcross34.ru/novosti>
- <http://www.tajembassy.ru/ru/press/news/20-zdorove/43-obshchestva-krasnogo-kresta-i-krasnogo-polumesyatsa-zabotyatsya-o-zdorove-trudovykh-migrantov>
- <http://www.orenburg-gov.ru/magnoliaPublic/regportal/News/SocialNews/2014-10-09-16-15-34.html>
- <http://orenburg.bezformata.ru/listnews/predstaviteli-organizacii-krasnij-krest/25094166/>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tunurfKYID8>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuv-6fJ0H64>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEt_6b2OJCQ
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9yxBimDsJg>

In the framework of this project the following activities were carried out:

10-16 October 2014 Dr Lasha Gogvadze, Senior Health Advisor of IFRC Geneva and Dr Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of IFRC Russia, paid a monitoring visit to the project site in Orenburg region. During the visit, they met with the Deputy Head of Orenburg Regional Government to discuss the general migration situation in the region, the access of migrants to health services and cooperation with the Russian RC branch; Center of Social Adaptation for labour migrants visited. They also met with migration authorities, participated in the health awareness sessions, and met with labour migrants attending health sessions. The IFRC/RRC representatives conducted meeting with representatives of Health Institutions: Head of TB Center, AIDS Center, to discuss the access of migrants to health with special focus on TB and HIV. The participation in the Round Table discussion “*Access of migrants to health service*” was organized by the Orenburg branch of the Russian Red Cross.

The visit itself as well as IFRC/Russian RC activities were widely highlighted in the regional and federal TV and other mass media:

- <http://www.orenburg-gov.ru/magnoliaPublic/regportal/News/SocialNews/2014-10-09-16-15-34.html>
- <http://orenburg.bezformata.ru/listnews/predstaviteli-organizacii-krasnij-krest/25094166/>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tunurfKYID8>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuv-6fJ0H64>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEt_6b2OJCQ
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9yxBimDsJg>

On 29-30 October 2014, the Head of IFRC Regional Representation in Russia took part in the World Lung Congress in Barcelona, Spain, and participated in the special session organized by the Eli Lilly Foundation where the Russia project was presented.

On 11 November 2014, in the framework of the MoU between IFRC and IPA CIS, the Head of the IFRC Regional Representation in Russia took part in the session of the Expert Board on Healthcare at the IPA CIS and made a presentation on “IFRC health and care activities”. Please see the TV News broadcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZu2nAnqYeg>

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Number of branches implementing one or more joint programs with local health authorities		30	33
Number of agreements signed with the health authorities annually		Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In 2014, the Russian Red Cross branches continued and enhanced their cooperation with the local health and social welfare authorities to improve their assistance to the most vulnerable people. <i>Psychosocial support activity to TB patients during DOTS in six regions:</i> Adygeya, Belgorod, Kostroma, Pskov, Khakassia, Khabarovsk. The total amount of allocated funds was 17 mln, roubles (CHF 447,000). Total number of beneficiaries: 800 people. <i>Home care and visiting nurses program:</i> Medical and social assistance to the most vulnerable groups of the population is implemented by Russian RC visiting nurses, which, despite the considerable difficulties of funding, continue to operate today in the territory of 24 regions of Russia: Belgorod region, Chechen Republic, Dagestan, Jewish Autonomous Region, Ingushetia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Kaliningrad region, Kaluga region, Kamchatka region, Khabarovsk krai, Khakassia, Kemerovo region, Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Orel, Pskov, Rostov region, Samara region, North Ossetia, Tatarstan, Tula, Yaroslavl region, Vologda region and Voronezh region. In these regions, 270 nurses were delivering daily home care for the elderly, lonely, disabled people, severely disabled, including people living with HIV infection and tuberculosis and for cancer patients in the terminal stage. The total amount of funds allocated for this type of activities was 18,480 mln roubles (CHF 486,000) Total number of beneficiaries: 1,000 people.			

Outcome 3.6: RRC enhances its capacity in First Aid by signing Agreements with Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and providing trainings for RRC staff and volunteers

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of staff members and volunteers trained on First Aid (FA)		20	620
# of agreements on cooperation / MoUs signed with local (regional) authorities		1	26
Number of trained population:		3,000	8,182
Number of fee based (commercial) FA courses		14	33
Number of people trained at fee based (commercial) FA courses		160	322
Number of IFRC FA manuals printed and distributed		1,000	2,000
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period, the Russian Red Cross established a First Aid Resource Center at RRC HQ level. In May 2014, the Russian RC's leadership adopted the <i>"Regulation about FA Resource Center"</i> and in the coming period, special focus would be placed on the capacity building of that center. The main purpose to establish this Center was to provide overall coordination of RRC FA activity, develop and maintain unified FA training methodology among the population as well as provide methodological support to Russian RC branches			

in the implementation of Russian Red Cross First Aid Program in the country.

In 2014, Russian Red Cross, with strong methodological assistance of IFRC Moscow and American Red Cross, initiated the translation of a mobile phone software called *Mobile Universal First Aid Application for iOS and Android* developed by American RC and British RC for further use in Russia and other Russian-speaking countries. The Russian translation of the text was prepared with the support of American Red Cross. It is planned to attract local donors to find financial resources to finalize the graphic part of the application and make it available for all the Russian-speaking population.

On 19 July 2014, a First Aid campaign was organized in Sokolniki Park of Moscow. More than 700 people from general population: young, the elderly, families with children took part in the event. 17 first aid instructors and 20 volunteers conducted master classes in 7 sectors.

On 17 September 2014 Russian Red Cross held an event devoted to the World First Aid Day, which was held this year under the slogan: "Be a hero. Save lives. First Aid for everyone, everywhere!" that was held in one of the colleges in Moscow city. Total number of participants: 75 people.

From 20 to 24 October 2014 a basic FA training seminar on the new International Standard of Red Cross for the RRC regional branches was conducted. 13 staff and volunteers from of seven Russian Red Cross Regional branches attended, from Chelyabinsk, Kaliningrad, Tatar, Tula, Amur, Bashkir and Sevastopol. Training workshops for regional branches on First Aid are held once a year for 10-12 people in accordance with the requests from the regions (2 persons per region).

In December 2014 IFRC Moscow printed and handed over to the Russian Red Cross 950 copies of the manual: "Red Cross First Aid guide – 2014" that were distributed at 20 branches of the Russian RC for further FA trainings in 2015.

At the end of 2014, Russian RC, with methodological support of IFRC Russia, collected and analyzed data on the FA capacity of the Russian RC at HQ and branch level that shows the overall capacity of the NS as follows.

- Number of trained FA instructors: 620 people;
- Number of trained population: 8,182 people;
- Number of agreements signed with local authorities: 26;
- Number of fee based (commercial) FA courses: 33;
- Number of people trained at fee based (commercial) FA courses: 322;
- Number of IFRC FA manuals printed and distributed: 2,000 pcs.

Outcome 3.7: RRC is participating in road safety activity in close cooperation with the Global Road Safety Partnership

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of public Road Safety actions for the general population	0	20	20
# of people reached by public Road Safety actions	0	800	1,900
# of RS information materials, published: • for children and teachers • for maternity houses	0	- -	5,000 20,000
# of people covered by awareness campaigns	0	-	2,502
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the period from January to December 2014, in cooperation with IFRC Moscow and the advisory support of GRSP, the Russian Red Cross continued the implementation of the project "Child Road Safety Alliance" that had been started in March 2013. Based on the achievements and lessons learnt in 2012-2013, RRC achieved progress in 2014 in cooperation with the NGO partners' coalition (12 NGO members) and with road safety professionals from the State Duma (Russian Parliament), the Public Chamber chaired by the President of Russia, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Russian State Agency on Consumer Goods Monitoring, the WHO			

office in Russia, the Ombudsman's Office and human rights offices. The common result of the series of meetings and talks held with the above-mentioned agencies, organizations and departments was manifested in their agreement, interest and willingness to change and improve the child road safety situation. The Human Rights Ombudsman sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Russia about the introduction of changes to the Traffic Rules concerning child transportation in automobiles with the request to recommend to the Russian Road Police under the Ministry of Internal Affairs the setting up of an expert commission involving the Russian Red Cross and the Ombudsman's Office.

In 2014 the Russian RC Moscow city branch held a cycle of public actions aimed at advocacy of child safety, where around 1,000 school children, parents, teachers, and Road Police officers from the Moscow region were attracted.

The Russian Red Cross closely participated in the development of recommendations to the Government of Russia to advocate child safety; the advocacy activities were carried out by Russian Red Cross through the mass media and the distribution of information activities in order to influence the public opinion for the children's safety equipment usage & strategy and the need for the improvement of the Traffic Rules.

A cycle of events aimed at public attention to Road Safety issues were carried out with special focus on advocacy and decision making process.

On 22 July 2014, a Round Table session entitled *"Increase of child-passenger safety in vehicles, improvement of the Traffic Rules in Russia"* was organized. The Civic Chamber of Russia provided advisory assistance to the proposal of the public organizations about the need for introduction of changes into the Traffic Rules (item.22.9), pertaining to safe transportation of children in vehicles and the setting up of an expert group jointly by state and public organizations.

The representatives of WHO, the National Automobile Transport Institute and the Association of Driving Schools along with experts on child safety reasonably supported the proposal of the RRC. Total number of participants: 20 people.

Upon results of the round table session, Russian Red Cross submitted proposals in August 2014 on the increase of child-passenger safety in vehicles to the Government of Russia. Information about the Russian RC's proposals was widely disseminated in different web sources.

An interview was given to the "Avtomir" magazine and an article was placed on the informational advocacy activities on Child Road Safety on the RRC's website.

On 25-26 September 2014, IFRC USG Matthias Schmale with the Head of IFRC Moscow office and leading officials of the Russian RC took part in the Fifth International Congress on *Road Safety for the Safety of Life* in St. Petersburg. Matthias Schmale addressed the parliamentarians and the congress participants with a welcome speech in the plenary session of the Congress. IFRC and RRC moderated one of the round table of the Congress and disseminate RCRC experience on various road safety issues. See link on this topic via <http://www.redcross.ru/news.php?nid=1200>

In September 2014 a new project was launched, supported by IFRC/GRSP, under the title *"Advocating for Stronger Child Restraint Regulations and the Establishment of International Standards for Child Restraints in the Russian Federation"*. The duration of the project is 2 years.

In the framework of this project, Russian Red Cross conducted several meetings with representatives of the public authorities, State Duma (Parliament of Russia), and other stakeholders to draw public attention to the improvement of Russian national legislation on Road Safety.

On 14 November 2014, a campaign devoted to the Road Victims Remembrance Day was organized. A signature collection was launched that aimed to increase the awareness of the civil society of issues, principles and messages among selected groups (e.g., policy makers, opinion leaders). On behalf of RRC a petition was placed on rapid action respond in the Internet and addressed to the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov, and the Speaker of the Federation Council Valentina Matvienko. The signature collection will be completed on 15 May, 2015. The results will provide a good instrument in Red Cross advocacy activities vis-à-vis the decision-makers.

Information about the RRC's road safety activity was widely highlighted in the different media sources:

- <http://www.asi.org.ru/news/rossijskij-krasnyj-krest-vystupil-za-reglamentatsiyu-poryadka-ispolzovaniya-detskikh-uderzhivayushhih-ustrojstv-v-avtomobilyah/>
- <http://www.redcross.ru/?pid=275>
- <http://ria-ami.ru/read/5911>
- <http://www.mngz.ru/medicine/875286-krasnyy-krest-obespokoen-vysokoy-detskoy-smertnostyu-i->

travmatizmom-pri-dtp.html

- <http://www.aif.ru/health/children/1398042>

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of regions implementing voluntary non-remunerated blood donation (VNBD) activities every year		8	30
# of attracted blood donors		600	3,020
# of new youth volunteers (2012-2015)		1,000	2,200
# of youth volunteers involved in various types of Russian RC social activities		1,000	6,800
# of youth leaders at branch level with basic RCRC trainings (social mobilization, advocacy, volunteer management, etc.)		200	165
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period, Russian Red Cross continued the implementation of the Club 25 Project, supported by IFRC as a part of its global Club 25 activities. Russian Red Cross, jointly with the Federal Medico-Biological Agency held a joint round-table meeting to discuss the methods of promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation. In the reporting period, the St. Petersburg branch of the Russian RC regularly organized meetings and training sessions for volunteers to promote blood donation. Public events for blood donors helped spread knowledge among the students and the population about blood donation through the internet, seminars, and visits to blood transfusion stations. In the reporting period 9 workshops were conducted and 140 volunteers were trained. 25 volunteers from schools were trained during the seminar organized by Russian Red Cross branch in Novgorod region. Each of them held one lesson in their schools on blood donation. Total number of participants: 165 volunteers. In the reporting period Russian RC, with the support of IFRC Moscow and Norwegian RC, organized the following youth initiatives in order to develop an effective model of development activities and strengthen the capacity of youth and volunteers of the Russian Red Cross at the federal and regional levels Participation of RRC youth volunteers in the all-Russia creative contest "Miss Young". The main purpose of participation was to increase the level of social activity of young girls –volunteers at RRC branch level and the increased profile and role of young women in contemporary Russian society; Participation of RRC volunteers in the competition organized by the public organization "Russian Youth Union" in the voluntary initiatives, the all-Russia competition for leaders and youth and children's organizations of Moscow and the Moscow region, "Leader of the 21st century" - 2014. RRC forms groups of youth leaders at branch level and trains them on basic RCRC trainings (social mobilization, advocacy, volunteers' management, etc.). In the reporting period, Russian Red Cross branches continued to form groups of youth leaders. 25 volunteers received training sessions on voluntary management and voluntary blood donation in the Novgorod region. 20 regional branches shared their positive experience on youth participation and volunteering in different areas of social humanitarian activities. More than 30 RRC branches took part in the events, dedicated to the World			



Newly recruited blood donors at the Blood Transmission Center. Moscow Photo: Russian Red Cross

Blood Donor Day, in order to draw attention to the problem of blood donation among the general audience. An effective result of the promotion is the increasing number of visitors of RRC website and pages in popular social networks at www.facebook.com and www.vkontakte.ru

On 17 May 2014, the Youth Section of the Russian Red Cross branch in St. Petersburg, with support of IFRC Moscow Office, organized a First Aid Championship that attracted more than 50 volunteer teams (600 people) from different universities, colleges, and schools. The FA Championship was organized by the St. Petersburg RRC branch in the last five years and it has been traditionally attracting the attention of many youth volunteers. During the Championship in 2014, more than 3,500 people participated in the events that became a unique opportunity to learn FA techniques, and increase one's knowledge about the RCRC Movement.

Total number of participants: 4,800 people.

On 18 October, volunteers of CA RRC held an action on the station of blood transfusion of Health department of Moscow by Botkinskaya hospital.

On 23 October, the Blood Center of the Federal Biomedical Agency of Russia (FMBA) organized an All-Russia Congress of Blood Service Staff and Regular Blood Donors. The Heads of blood supply and blood transfusion stations of Russia and promoters and organizers of voluntary blood donation participated in the congress. The Russian RC's Moscow regional branch took part in the event.

In the congress there were many new suggestions, topical and important issues, and ideas for new projects..

During the RRC staff's meeting with the FMBA representatives, it was decided to sign a new mutual agreement informing on the topic of unpaid blood donation for 2015.

The agreement stipulates the following.

1. Developing of corporate voluntarism in cooperation with the Moscow branch of "Coca-Cola Hellenic", including enlightenment of the company staff on the promotion of the voluntary blood donor recruitment and attracting them to the blood donor movement.
2. Producing advertising-informational materials;
3. Replication of experience to regional branches of RC and sub-branches of "Coca-Cola Hellenic"
4. Settling at least 2 donor events and 1 action in 7 regional branches (Moscow regional, Orenburg, Smolensk, St.-Petersburg, Kamchatsk, Volgograd, Kaliningrad) by volunteers of the Central Division of RRC dedicated to World Donors' Day.

In the reporting period Russian RC signed MoUs with the Blood Transfusion Departments of City Hospital № 31 of St. Petersburg, the Federal North-West Medical Research Centre, the City Blood Transfusion Station, and the Transfusion center of the Science-Research Institute (Moscow).

For the promotion of the Clubs 25, blood donation, and any other activities the following social media resources were used: "Saint Petersburg" TV-channel, "The 21st Line" newspaper of St. Petersburg State University, "BaltInfo" News Agency (Saint Petersburg), Russian Red Cross website: <http://www.redcross.ru/> Pages of the VK social network (Moscow). During 2014, 116 new Club 25 members were gained and trained on "blood components". Total number of beneficiaries: 2,580 people.

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of migrants receiving service	1,000	1,000	1,524
# of social centres for migrants set up in Moscow	1	1	1
# of information materials published	10,000	10,000	24,600
# of voluntarily returned migrants, assisted by Russian RC	-	30	20
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
RRC is effectively implementing migration programs to promote social cohesion and anti-discrimination and exclusion in close collaboration with IOM, UNHCR and national diasporas.			

In the reporting period Russian Red Cross strengthened its capacity on effective implementation of several migration projects, aimed at further promotion of social cohesion and anti-discrimination and anti-exclusion.

Project: "Enhancement of support to the most vulnerable labor migrants in Moscow region through providing better access to legal and social care support" supported by IFRC in the framework of the global capacity building activity funded by DFID.

In the period of January–December 2014, the following activities were implemented.

A Russian Red Cross Counseling Office provided social, legal and health & care consultations to 1,224 persons among whom 661 migrants got consultations through a "hotline" and 563 people applied to the office directly. The majority of migrants were citizens of Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The most characteristic reasons of application were issues of refugee status, job licenses and work permits. Out of those migrants 704 were men and 520 were women.

The mobile outreach group managed to cover more than 300 of the most vulnerable labor migrants in Moscow region by providing them legal and social consultations and by distributing hygiene sets. 300 hygiene sets were sent to Volgograd, Tambov and Orenburg regions for distribution to the most vulnerable migrants within their activities directed to TB prevention in the communities of migrants.

Beyond that, the RRC organized the printing of information materials for migrants with the most necessary legal and medico-social information (these materials have partially been distributed and partially are yet to be distributed within RRC actions and events for migrants in 2015). See table below.

List of information materials for migrants

	Type of information	Quantity
1.	Special edition of the newspaper "Uzbegin", that consists of materials from the Russian Red Cross and has a lot of basic legal and medico-social information for migrants	10,000
2.	Russian-Uzbek phrasebook	600
3.	Materials for a complex exam in the Russian language, the history of Russia and the legislation of Russian Federation	10,000
4.	Leaflet on tuberculosis prevention	1,000
5.	Leaflet on HIV prevention	1,000
6.	Restoring family links	1,000
7.	Guide for labor migrants: social and legal information	1,000

Cooperation with state migration authorities, national diasporas and NGOs working in the migration sphere. In the reporting period Russian RC continued to set up and develop close working relationships with state and non-state partners working in the sphere of migration. During 2014, the RRC Migration Coordinator attended a cycle of bilateral meetings and round table sessions organized by the Moscow City Department of the Federal Migration Service (FMS), where information about the counselling service for migrants as well as the "hotline" telephone numbers was disseminated among the beneficiaries and partners. More than 140 posters were displayed in 130 territorial offices of the FMS. Russian RC information kits including posters, leaflets, and information cards were distributed among representatives of 20 national diasporas and partner NGOs working in Moscow city in the sphere of migration.

In July 2014 RRC, jointly with the IFRC Office, organized a press-conference that touched upon aspects of support for refugees. Representatives of more than 10 mass media participated in that event.

In July-August the RRC coordinator participated in 4 broadcasts and press-conferences that touched upon the problem of refugees and migrants.

In July 2014 RRC jointly with IFRC participated in the round table "Labor Migration and its Tendencies" that took place at the Center of Migration Research. Representatives of more than 20 NGOs and scientific institutions participated there.

In November 2014 the RRC coordinator participated in the Scientific Conference of Association of Tuberculosis Specialists of Russia in St. Petersburg and made a presentation on "RRC and IFRC role and experience in the sphere of TB prevention among migrants". In the round table meeting entitled "TB in migrant communities", more than 30 representatives of the TB-related medical services and institutions participated.

On 12 December 2014, the IFRC Office and Russian Red Cross representatives took part in the meeting of the High Level Working Group on Tuberculosis organized by Russian MoH and the WHO Office in Russia.

World Migrants day

On 17 December 2014, commemorating the World Migrants Day, a round table session was organized by the IFRC Office and Russian RC, hosted by the Russian State Library. In the framework of the event, a thematic photo gallery displaying multiple faces of contemporary and earlier migration was presented to the participants.

The topic for the event was chosen as one of the greatest challenges of migration in Russia and world-wide, i.e. tuberculosis and HIV in migration context. The scientists revealed the preliminary results of the multi-annual research that is being currently finalized. Particular attention was dedicated to improving the health conditions of migrants and their access to adequate medical care. After the reports everyone had the chance to ask questions and learn about the professionals' insight on the pressing migration issues. Representatives of International agencies and Russian NGOs: UNHCR, IOM, MSF, Russian Federal Migration Service, Department of International law of People's Friendship University of Russia participated in the event.

Total number of participants: 45 people.

See articles:

- <http://www.asi.org.ru/news/v-moskve-budet-sozdan-muzej-migratsii/>
- <http://www.rsl.ru/ru/s7/s409/2014/migrants>
- http://www.dobro-sosedstvo.ru/dobro/ru/news/n_3/o_45408

In October 2014 the RRC migration coordinator participated in the regional meeting of Russian speaking RC/RC National Societies where the issue of cooperation in the sphere of migration was also thoroughly discussed.

Regional meeting in Bishkek: "Strengthening the cooperation on migration"

In December 2014, the delegation of Russia consisted of Russian Red Cross (3 members), Russian TB service (1 member), Russian Federal Migration Service (1 member), AIDS INFOSHARE (2 members). In the framework of the meeting IFRC Moscow/Russian RC initiated a health session aimed at focus on the access of migrants to health and care with a particular focus to TB and HIV prevention.

One of the main achievements during the meeting was the signing of an agreement on cooperation in the field of migration between the Russian RC, Kazakhstan RC, Kyrgyzstan RC, Tajikistan RC and Uzbekistan RC and IFRC Europe Zone.

Representatives of the Federal Migration Service and the Anti-Tuberculosis Service of Russia highly evaluated the RCRC migration activities and expressed their readiness for further cooperation.

The issue of a cooperation agreement between RRC and the FMS of Russia was raised and got a positive response. This process is expected to be finalized in 2015. Close relations were secured with the leading international organizations in migration, IOM and UNHCR, and traditional partner Russian NGOs in the sphere of migration.

As for NGOs, the RRC concluded cooperation agreements with the newspaper "Uzbegim", and the Integration Centre "Migration and Law". Cooperation agreements with the Medical Centre "Mayak" and the Centre of Migration Research will be signed at the beginning of 2015.

Strengthening of regional and international migration networking with different National Societies working in the migration sphere.

In 2014 the RRC actively worked to strengthen the networking of the National Society involved in migration regionally and globally. Within the project period, the cooperation with the Federal Migration Service of Russia was strengthened. RRC, with the support of IFRC, participated in regular meetings with the Federal Migration Service, where RRC activities in the sphere of migration were discussed and highly appreciated. In total, 10 meetings were organized: 6 meetings with the Federal Migration Service and 4 meetings with the Migration Department of Moscow City.

In the reporting period, the Russian Red Cross's representative regularly participated in the meetings of the Public Council at the Migration Department of Moscow City where the newly adopted legislation for migrants was discussed.

In April 2014, in the regional meeting on Humanitarian Diplomacy and Migration, organized by IFRC jointly with the Central Asian Migration Network in Bishkek, the presentation of the project was made and the issue of cooperation on migration and networking was discussed.

In June 2014, in the framework of 9th European RCRC Conference in Florence, the Russian RC's Migration

Project Coordinator facilitated a Russian-speaking working group session with representatives of RCRC National Societies of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Several mass media campaigns were organized by Russian RC jointly with the IFRC Secretariat's Moscow Office, to attract the attention of the public to different migration issues, such as access to health and care, legal and social assistance, etc.

In April 2014, a briefing was organized for journalists and partners about "TB and HIV problems in migration". 12 representatives of Russian and international mass media and partner NGOs took part in the event. The information of this briefing was reflected in several internet media.

In May 2014, an interview was given to "Radio Russia" about the counselling office of Russian Red Cross in Moscow. The radio program was broadcasted on May 31.

In June 2014, the RRC coordinator participated in the live programme channel "Life News", "The Voice of Russia" concerning the problem of refugees and displaced people.

In June 2014, an article about the Russian Red Cross Counselling Office was published in the magazine "Russian Migration". The magazine was distributed among different state and non-state partners and it became a good instrument for the promotion of RRC migration activities.

In the reporting period Russian RC enhanced its cooperation with local diasporas and partners:

Two Memoranda of Cooperation were signed by RRC in March-June with partner NGOs:

- The Integration Centre "Migration and Law"
- The Uzbek newspaper "Uzbegim"

10 working meetings were organized with partner organizations (ICRC, UNHCR, IOM, Eli Lilly Foundation, the Uzbek newspaper "Uzbegim", Integration Centre "Migration and Law") where the various issues of project cooperation were discussed.

Total number of beneficiaries: 450 people.

Information about the project implementation was highlighted in different mass media:

- <http://ria-ami.ru/read/27668>
- http://www.krasnogorskonline.ru/news/v_goleve_otkrylas_priemnaja_dlja_migrantov/2014-04-17-3894

Voluntary returnee project

The Russian Red Cross continued the voluntary returnee project implementation in close cooperation with Swedish Red Cross and Czech Red Cross. In 2014, 20 returnees received social and psychological support from Russian RC during their return from Sweden. The returnees had the following social and health profile:

Case 1: 5 persons (four minors) arrived in Russia (Nazran, March 2013). They got 4 food sets and 4 hygiene kits.

Case 2: 2 persons (one minor) arrived in Grozny in June 2013. They received 2 food sets and 2 hygiene kits.

Case 3: 4 persons (two minors) arrived in Laksky rayon in Shoukra settlement, Dagestan in 2013. Husband – disabled in group one. Diagnosis: "Toxic encephalopathy". Daughter laments her intellectual disability, speech disorder with symptoms of autism, conduct disorder. The assistance with registration of disability and pension was provided. Medical consultation was organized at home, and they purchased the medicines prescribed by the doctor. The father and daughter were hospitalized in a specialized clinic. The daughter got an opportunity to go to a special school for children with development disorder. The family is assisted in the form of 4 food and 4 hygiene kits, kitchen sets, 4 mattresses, 4 pillows, 4 blankets, 4 sets of bed linen, an electric heater, medicines for 1 month. The family was provided with medico-social, legal and psychological assistance. According to the results of monitoring, 4 food and 4 hygiene kits were provided again to the family. Relocation to new places of residence was organized four times. At the moment, the main problem of the family is the lack of housing.

Case 4: 4 persons (one minor) They are provided with assistance in the form of child set in the required configuration for a sick child, 4 hygienic kits and 4 food sets, bed linen - 4 sets, 4 blankets, 4 pillows, a kitchen set, purchased and delivered to the place of residence, a 4-burner stove. Consultations with doctors, medical procedures at home are also organized. Special school with hippo-therapy sessions – a method of rehabilitation through therapeutic riding was arranged for the son in March 2014. The family is provided with medico-social, legal and psychological assistance. After the monitoring, in accordance with its results, the family was provided with 4 food and 4 hygiene kits again. The main problem of the family is the lack of housing.

Case 5: 1 person, arrived in December 2013 in Russia (Tatarstan). After arriving in Russia, the person did not apply for assistance.

Case 6: 1 person. In January 2014 that person, with disabilities, came to Russia, Nalchik where his daughter lived. At the airport in Moscow he was provided with medical care, insulin injections, etc. He is registered in Grozny and has his own house there. There is an administrative problem with receiving social assistance in a different place, Kabardino-Balkaria. The recipient received food and hygiene kits and diapers from the Red Cross. Medical consultations and procedures and a visiting nurse to call at his home were arranged for him.

Case 7: 2 persons, both of them wheelchair users, arrived in Kaliningrad in May 2014. After arriving in Russia, they did not apply for assistance.

Case 8: 1 person arrived in Samara from Denmark on July 2014. His family (father, mother, daughter and wife who is a person with disabilities, diagnosed for "blood cancer") lives in a very old house in Samara. In Moscow, at the airport, he received food and hygiene kits. Taking into account that the family is extremely poor, it was decided to provide them with 4 food and 4 hygiene kits, an electric set of kitchen utensils and tableware, blankets, pillows and bed linen. The recipient asked the RRC to help him get a profession and pay for a driving course in Samara to let him work as a taxi driver to support his family. Under the project to support self-sustainability and livelihood, such courses are eligible to support.

In the reporting period, Russian Red Cross provided the returnees with all possible support with access and contacts to the local social and health authorities. The monitoring of the returnees' needs is conducted on a regular basis.

In the course of the project implementation, RRC staff at Headquarters and regional branches provided all necessary information on the availability of an adequate infrastructure in terms of education, health, social care, in order to effectively plan the process of helping. 16 returnees from Sweden received social support within the project.

During the reporting period, RRC continued to advocate for the interests of the returnees with the governmental authorities. The main problem of the returnees is that the local governments do not have any social program for this group of vulnerable people. In order to draw the attention of the local authorities to this group of people and to their problems and needs, the RRC regional branches regularly contact the local social departments and institutions. During the project implementation, Russian RC developed and strengthened its partnership with the Russian Federal Migration Service, the Russian Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UNHCR Representation in the Russian Federation, the International Organization for Migration, the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) and different social departments to ensure the necessary support for the beneficiaries.

Project: "Strengthening HIV/AIDS, STD and viral hepatitis control and prevention among population groups highly exposed to these infections, including migrants"



In the reporting period the IFRC Regional Representation in Russia successfully negotiated and attracted funds from a new donor operating with Russian Governmental funds, **AIDS INFOSHARE**.

In March 2014 the IFRC Regional Representation in Russia signed a grant agreement with AIDS INFOSHARE for the project implementation in 2014 for the total amount **7,711,952.86 rubles or CHF 202,946**.

That was the first contribution of the Russian Government for IFRC program activities for the past 20 years.

The project is implemented in three countries: Russia, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, and it includes the following country and activity components:

Country components	Country budget Rub (CHF)
Tajikistan, trainings and outreach for potential migrants	2,720,028.56 (71,5780)
Kyrgyzstan, outreach and personnel and mobile clinic	4,055,284.50 (106,718)
General coordination and communication with the donor	936,639.80 (24,648)

(Moscow)	
Total:	7,711,952.86 (202,946)

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of visiting nurses in each RRC branch providing social services for elderly people		47	270
# of children receiving help		6,000	10,885
# of volunteers involved on the program			531
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<i>Home care and visiting nurses program:</i> Medical and social assistance to the most vulnerable groups of the population is implemented by Russian RC visiting nurses, which, despite the considerable difficulties of funding, continue to operate today in the territory of 24 regions of Russia: <i>Belgorod region, Chechen Republic, Dagestan, Jewish Autonomous Region, Ingushetia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Kaliningrad region, Kaluga region, Kamchatka region, Khabarovsk krai, Khakassia, Kemerovo region, Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Orel, Pskov, Rostov region, Samara region, North Ossetia, Tatarstan, Tula, Yaroslavl region, Vologda region and Voronezh region.</i> In these regions, 270 nurses were performing daily home care for elderly, lonely, disabled people, severely disabled, including people living with HIV infection and tuberculosis and cancer patients in the terminal stage. Total amount of funds attracted for this type of activities: 18,480 mln roubles (CHF 486,000) Total number of beneficiaries: 1,000 people. <i>Child Welfare Program:</i> In the reporting period Russian RC, with technical and advisory support of Norwegian Red Cross and with the overall coordination of IFRC Moscow, continued the implementation of a Child Welfare Programme in the north-west of Russia that is aimed at the support of children of the most vulnerable through providing them with a free meal once a day and giving them the opportunity to participate in various social activities. Needs monitoring systems are established allowing to address priority needs of the target population (around 3,755 beneficiaries). Social assistance to the most vulnerable children and youth is secured through the provision of supplementary daily caloric, balanced and nutritious hot meals to the target group of children five days a week (Children from socially vulnerable families getting supplementary hot meals 5 times (4 times in Murmansk, 8 days a month in Saint Petersburg) for one month. 137 soup kitchens are providing hot meals on a daily basis to the program beneficiaries. Socially vulnerable families of the targeted children have access to social benefits, services and allowances guaranteed by the government (270 beneficiary families applied for various state allowances and benefits). An increasing number of volunteers are involved in the implementation of the program activities at the regional level through enhanced volunteer recruitment and management systems (Current number of volunteers: 531). RRC regions work by attracting donors (18 companies as donors). The increased profile and organizational identity of the participating RRC branches are secured through the dissemination of the principles and values of the RC Movement (120 events conducted by RRC regional branches on dissemination of the Red Cross principles and values; 54 references to RRC regional branches in regards to Red Cross principles and values and their activities in media), developing efficient reporting system and working for attracting new volunteers and new donors. The project developed cooperation with regional governments, administrations of municipal districts, Ministries (Ministry of Health, Labor, Education., Social Welfare, Emergency, etc.), special committees and departments (e.g. the Social Welfare Committee, Committee on Education & Youth), educational institutions, universities, social assistance centers, regional branches of the Russian public organizations (Union of Pensioners, Union of Russian Volunteers, All-Russian Society of Disabled People, local NGOs in various fields, etc.), municipal organizations, centers working with HIV/Aids prevention, blood transfusion stations, charity funds, companies in the regions such as the Coca-Cola company in Saint Petersburg, several shopping centers in Pskov, food			

shops, the bank VTB in Pskov, and the petrol companies Surgutneftegaz and Statoil in Pskov region.

Total number of beneficiaries in 2014: 10,885 people.

Business Line 4: TO HEIGHTEN RED CROSS RED CRESCENT INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK

Outcome 4.1: RRC NS legislation to develop their auxiliary role to public authorities is improved

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Draft RRC law is developed by the Russian Red Cross and submitted to the government by 2015			Text of Russian RC law submitted to the Russian Parliament
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
Russian Red Cross Law / Urgent OD Intervention RRC is extensively promoting the RRC law as a basic act identifying its role in the country. In May 2014, IFRC NSKD Department allocated funds for urgent OD Intervention to the promotion of Russian Red Cross law activity. On 28 May 2014, a round table meeting was organized under the title <i>"The Use and Protection of the Red Cross Emblem in the Territory of the Russian Federation"</i>, co-chaired by the Russian Red Cross, the IFRC Secretariat and ICRC. The Russian State Library hosted that meeting in the Conference Hall of the Centre of Documents of International Organizations. Representatives of key partner ministries: Ministry of Defence, EMERCOM, the academic community: Diplomatic Academy, Department of International Law of the People's Friendship University and others took part in the discussion of the draft law. All participants of the round table meeting expressed a common general consensus on the need to continue the discussions and joint meetings and intensify their concerted actions for a domestic legislative reinforcement. Following the event a joint resolution was discussed, adopted by the audience and submitted to the stakeholders. <i>"Recognizing the importance of legislative regulation of use of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal Emblems and Names, in accordance with the requirements of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977 and 14 January 2007, the Round Table participants noted that current standards of the domestic legislation are insufficient to ensure full and complete protection of these Emblems and Names and prevent their misuse in the Russian Federation. The most appropriate and effective way to solve this problem would be the adoption by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation of a particular law regulating all issues related to the use and protection in the Russian Federation of the Red Cross Emblem and the name "Red Cross", as well as other emblems and names, protected under the Geneva conventions and their additional protocols."</i> In the reporting period Russian Red Cross finalized its "Urgent OD Intervention" activity, aimed at the enhancement dialogue between Russian RC and the public authorities in regard to strengthening the legal base of the NS. In September 2014, another round table session was organized by Russian RC with the technical support of IFRC and ICRC under the title <i>"Strengthening of the Russian Red Cross's Legal Base for Effective Humanitarian Activities"</i>. The event was attended by representatives of the Russian Red Cross (RRC Governing Board members, RRC HQ staff and heads of departments); IFRC, ICRC, Government ministries and agencies concerned; State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (National Parliament); several NGOs. All participants expressed a common general consensus on the need to continue their joint meetings and to intensify their work aimed at the further implementation of the Geneva Conventions in the Russian Federation, as far as the protection and proper use of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal Emblems and the strengthening of the legal framework of the Russian Red Cross are concerned. IFRC Secretariat high level meeting with the Speaker of the Russian Parliament (State Duma). On 27-28 November 2014 Elhadj As Sy, IFRC Secretary General, and Anitta Underlin, Director of IFRC Europe Zone, visited Saint Petersburg to participate in the 41st plenary session of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of			

the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS).

Bilateral meeting with Ms. Matvienko, Chairperson of IPA CIS, Speaker of the Russian Parliament

During the meeting Mr. Elhadj As Sy expressed great thanks for active cooperation. IFRC SG indicated that his organization was ready to cooperate with Russia and the IPA at three levels:

- In the country, to strengthen the role and mandate of the Russian RC and its relations with public authorities;
- In the region, to extensively develop the cooperation between the NSs and the states;
- Globally, to see Russia as a main global humanitarian partner;

Ms. Matvienko highly appreciated the close cooperation of Russia and CIS with IFRC in terms of reforming the Russian RC, in particular to the development of Russian RC law.

Outcome 4.2: *EZ OD function is revitalized*

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
RRC representatives are involved in all EZ OD related meetings and workshops		Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period EZO OD and HD provided systematic advisory support to Russian Red Cross in the following directions: ➤ Follow-up on the OCAC process with partner NSs; ➤ Drafting of the Russian RC Law; ➤ Youth and volunteers management. The IFRC Europe Zone Office provided the necessary assistance during the preparation of a governance meeting in Ashgabat, the 9th European RCRC Regional Conference in Florence and the Leadership Meeting in Tbilisi. In April 2014, the Vice-President of Russian Red Cross took part in the Leadership Meeting in Turkmenistan. In June 2014, the delegation of the Russian Red Cross participated in the 9th European Regional RCRC Conference in Florence. During January-December 2014, Russian RC OD, Youth and Russian RC Law focal points received the necessary guidance to fulfil their planned activities in the above mentioned directions.			

Outcome 4.3: Income sources are diversified through expanding partnerships

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of Russian RC branches actively involved to income generation		30	45
Russian RC mobilizes resources to render assistance to the most vulnerable		yes	yes
Russian RC acts as an actor in the international relief operations		yes	yes

Comments on progress towards outcomes

In the reporting period, Russian Red Cross significantly improved its capacity in internal resource mobilization. During 2014, more than 45 Russian Red Cross branches conducted resource mobilization campaigns to collect food and non-food assistance for the most vulnerable people affected by different types of crisis situations.

During the July – December 2014, the main focus of activity was on mobilizing in-country donors for the large number of displaced people from Ukraine as well as for the population affected by the large scale floods in Siberia and North Caucasus.

	Type of disaster/emergency	Amount of funds, rubles
1.	Massive flooding in Siberia and North Caucasus	977,000
2.	Relief assistance for the displaced population from Ukraine	122,000,000
	Total:	122,977,000

The total amount of funds mobilized from in-country sources was 122,977,000 rubles that is equal to 2.8 million CHF.

In 2014, Russian Red Cross mobilized its internal resources to provide effective response to the most vulnerable people affected by above mentioned disasters and crisis.

Russian RC branches in Altay, Khakassia, Tuva and Adygeya collected more than **200,000 tons** of food and non-food items to assist more than **15,000 people** affected by disasters.

More than 45 Russian Red Cross branches conducted local resource mobilization campaigns to collect in-kind food and non-food assistance for the most vulnerable displaced people from Ukraine.

The Russian Red Cross successfully continued its efforts for resource mobilization through the state grants. Russian RC applied and received four grants from the Foundation of the President of Russia for the following projects:

#	Title of the grant	Amount, rubles (CHF)	Implementing body
1.	Social home care in 5 regions of Russia	9 mln (200,000)	Russian RC HQ
2.	Enhancement of role of regional volunteerism	5 mln (110,000)	Russian RC HQ for 5 regions
2.	Protection of social rights of People living with HIV	1.5mln (33,000)	Kemerovo branch of RRC
3.	Public monitoring of health care services in the penitentiary institutions in Ulyanovsk region	500,000 (11,000)	Ulyanovsk branch of RRC
Total:		16 mln. (355,000 CHF)	

Russian RC participation in international relief operations:

In 2014, Russian RC, with advisory support of IFRC Moscow Office, conducted successful donation campaigns in the framework of several Emergency Appeals, launched by IFRC: for Ukraine, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina:

The following cash donations for international relief were made:

- 500,000 rubles (around CHF 13,000) to the relief activity of Ukrainian Red Cross on a bilateral basis;

- 248,610 rubles (around CHF 6,500) to the Emergency Appeal on massive flooding in Serbia.

Total amount of funds, mobilized from internal sources: **139,725,610 rubles (equal to 3.2 million CHF).**

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Movement cooperation agreement with ICRC, IFRC, RRC signed in 2012 is implemented by the parties.		Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period Russian Red Cross ensured Movement coordination of activities based on the Framework Tri-partite Agreement between RRC, IFRC and ICRC: coordination meetings between IFRC, ICRC and Russian Red Cross were organized on a regular basis to ensure the synergies and to coordinate the response, to avoid a duplication of efforts and provide a coherent approach to this emergency. Due to massive flow of refugees from Ukraine, in June 2014, the Movement response mechanism was activated and all humanitarian assistance rendered by all components of the Movement was coordinated between Russian RC, IFRC and ICRC.			

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

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Russian Red Cross sets up and leads a task force on strategic development plan implementation, conducting meetings at least quarterly.		Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period, Russian RC was systematically briefing its Movement partners on the practical implementation of its Strategic Development Plan. In April 2014, a report about Russian RC activities was presented in the session of Russian RC Trustee Committee. In May 2014, the President of Russian Red Cross made a presentation about the progress of the Strategic Development Plan at the Russian RC Governing Board's session. Both reports were endorsed by the above mentioned bodies. IFRC and ICRC representatives took part in the meetings as observers. <i>In September 2014</i>, Russian RC conducted its Governing Board meeting according to the schedule, where information about the implementation of the complex plan of action of RRC was presented. <i>In November 2014</i>, the Biennial Report (2012-2013) of the Russian Red Cross was published. It includes a narrative part as well as a financial report audited by the local tax services. The report was posted in the FDRS and is available via the link below: https://fdrs.ifrc.org/europe/EN/RU/Lists/WAOKDocRefList/AllItems.aspx			

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

Outcome 5.4: Russian RC and IFRC set up an integration process based on sustainable development of HR, administration, program and finance management, planning etc.

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
RRC and IFRC set up and maintain joint working group on harmonisation of HR, administration, program and finance management, planning to develop internal rules and regulations by 2015		In progress	In progress
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
In the reporting period Russian Red Cross with IFRC advisory support and based on OCAC recommendations set up a system of performance appraisal for Russian RC staff at HQ level. The templates and procedures of the appraisals were developed and adopted, staff members were instructed about the process. Individual meetings and the evaluation of results of 2014 are being conducted from February 2015. In the reporting period Russian Red Cross posted, for the first time, all its financial reports and tax declarations for the period 2007-2012 on its website www.redcross.ru that are accessible for all partners and stakeholders, in line with the recommendations of the OCAC reports in the framework of IFRC advice and recommendations on transparency and accountability.			

Stakeholder participation and feedback

With advisory support of IFRC Moscow Office and Europe Zone Office, Russian Red Cross continued to strengthen its capacity in the following directions in 2014.

- Strengthening dialogue with public authorities at federal and regional levels aimed at the improvement of the legal base of the Russian Red Cross and the adoption of the RRC Law;
- Further enhancement of NS capacities in regard to sustainable activities and the raising of funds from local sources;
- International cooperation within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, with particular focus on international aid.

The leadership of the Russian RC, jointly with the Head of IFRC Regional Representation in Moscow, conducted a series of meetings with key ministries: Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EMERCOM, Federal Migration Service, parliament members as well as representatives of public authorities of Moscow City, Moscow Region, Rostov Region, Khabarovsk Krai, Altay, Khakassia, Adygeya, and Jewish Autonomous Oblast.

In the framework of Russian Red Cross's international cooperation, close contacts were kept with American RC, Belarusian RC, Iranian RC, Norwegian RC, Swedish RC, Turkmenistan RC, and Ukrainian RC.

For the first time during the past 20 years, Russian Red Cross made cash contributions to the IFRC Emergency Appeal for the population in Serbia affected by floods, and offered bilateral contribution to the Ukrainian RC for the people affected by the crisis.

Russian RC sees it as its main priority in the coming period to continue with the promotion and adoption of the Russian RC Law.

In the reporting period the IFRC Secretariat continued its support to the Russian RC so as to develop and strengthen social partnership with local state and non-state partners.

IFRC/Russian Red Cross participation in the 4th Social Forum of Russia:

In September 2014 the State Duma (the Parliament of Russia), and the Civic Chamber chaired by the President of Russia invited IFRC Russia and Russian Red Cross to be co-organizers of the program of the 4th **Social Forum of Russia** that took place on 27-28 October 2014 in Moscow.

The Forum was organized by the State Duma of Russia and the Civic Chamber chaired by the President of Russia, aimed at the consolidation of efforts and sharing experience between different civil society organizations to increase effectiveness of assistance to the most vulnerable and socially excluded groups of the population such as, elderly, PLHIV, TB people, migrants, etc.

IFRC/RRC was invited to organize a group session and a round table meeting devoted to the topic: ***“Charity and donations activity in disaster situations and the social rights of the most vulnerable people”***.

Representatives of 18 branches of the Russian Red Cross, academic institutions, expert communities and the NGO sector participated in the session and the round table meeting and shared their experience and advanced practice on resource mobilization for large disasters in Far East and Siberia as well as the best examples of social support projects for the most vulnerable population. The participants adopted a resolution where the main proposals for the Government and the Parliament of Russia were reflected to support social initiatives.

The Social Forum of Russia attracted more than 4,000 NGO participants from different regions of Russia and provided a unique opportunity to promote the Russian Red Cross's profile among NGOs and public authorities. See information on the Russian Red Cross's website: <http://www.redcross.ru/news.php?id=1226>

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Key Risks Deterioration of the economic situation in the country and a sudden increase in the prices of commodities leading to the inability to implement project activities as planned within the approved budget. In addition, the worsening of the economic and social conditions may cause a sharp increase in the need for assistance among the targeted population, which can significantly overwhelm the capacities of the Russian RC A sudden increase in the humanitarian needs in the country due to the social effects of disasters or other emergency situations leading to lower levels of commitment and a shift of resources away from addressing the situation of vulnerable people. Positive Factors Increasing capacity of the Russian RC for local resource mobilization and cooperation with public authorities.	M M M	To closely monitor humanitarian situation in the country and address these risks resources from donor Red Cross societies will be mobilized by IFRC to ensure support for programs at local level. To increase the Russian RC`s internal capacity on Disaster Preparedness / Disaster Risk Reduction (DP / DRR) at local and national levels. To activate further internal mechanisms of resource mobilization to address the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable population.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

In the reporting period the social context in Russia was changing drastically, a situation that required from the Russian RC and the IFRC a more flexible approach on planning and program implementation.

Taking into account the increasing role of collaboration of Russian RC with state authorities, the IFRC Secretariat's Moscow Office will adjust its long term planning to the actual priorities.

Financial situation

Click here to go directly to the financial report.

<https://fednet.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/Development%20Operational%20Plans/2014/SP567RU14arf.pdf>

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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