



Australian Government
AusAID

[REDACTED]
Head, International Programs
Australian Red Cross
155 Pelham Street
CARLTON VIC 3053

6 June 2011

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Funding Order No. 82 for the First Tranche of 2011-12 Core Funding

Thank you for your proposal submitted in April 2011 seeking AusAID support for the Initiative "**First Tranche of 2011-12 Core Funding**" ("the Initiative") on behalf of **Australian Red Cross, ABN 50 169 561 394.**

I am pleased to inform you that **A\$4,305,000** ("the Funds") has been approved as a fourteen month commitment, subject to the conditions outlined in the Head Agreement No. **37884** and those specified under "**Services**" in the attached order.

Please note that you are required to sign the "Acceptance of Offer of Funds" on both documents. Keep one copy of the signed original Funding Order for your records and return the other signed original to AusAID.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
**Humanitarian Coordinator
Assistant Director General
Humanitarian and Peace Building Branch
FMA Act s44 Delegate**

FUNDING ORDER

This Funding Order is issued by AusAID in accordance with the clause headed **Formation of Funding Agreements** of the Head Agreement No. 37884 between AusAID and **Australian Red Cross, ABN 50 169 561 394** and brings into existence a funding agreement between AusAID and the Organisation for the provision of the Services detailed below subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Head Agreement.

1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 All terms used in this Funding Order have the same meaning as is given to them in the Head Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires.

2. TERM OF FUNDING ORDER

- 2.1 The term of this Funding Order is deemed to have begun on the **6 June 2011** or the date of receipt by AusAID of the signed Acceptance of Offer of Funds whichever is later, and continues until all obligations have been fulfilled under the Funding Order, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Head Agreement.
- 2.2 The Organisation must commence the Services no later than **1 July 2011** and must complete the Activity by **30 September 2012**.

3. THE SERVICES

- 3.1 AusAID offers to provide the Organisation with accountable Funds for the implementation of the Initiative(s) "**First Tranche of 2011-12 Core Funding**" as described in the Initiative Proposal of. A copy of the **First Tranche of 2011-12 Core Funding Proposal** is attached (Attachment C).
- 3.2 The parties agree that the title of the Initiative to be used in all documentation, correspondence and publicity is **First Tranche of 2011-12 Core Funding**.

4. PAYMENT

- 4.1 The provision of Funds to the Organisation is subject to:
- (a) compliance with all of the requirements set down within the Head Agreement and the AusAID NGO Package of Information contained as part of the AusAID Internet site at www.ausaid.gov.au (NGOPI), as amended from time to time;
 - (b) all due reporting on and acquittal of any Funds being completed under any other contract or agreement between AusAID and the Organisation;
 - (c) compliance by the Organisation with all the requirements of any other contract or agreement between AusAID and the Organisation; and

- (d) issuing of a valid Tax invoice as required by **Clause 9** herein.

5. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

5.1 All reports must:

- (a) be accurate and not misleading in any respect;
- (b) be prepared as directed in writing by AusAID;
- (c) be provided in the format and on the media approved or requested by AusAID;
- (d) not incorporate the AusAID logo;
- (e) be provided at the time specified in this Funding Order; and
- (f) incorporate sufficient information which allows AusAID to monitor and assess the success of the Services in achieving the objectives of AusAID's Gender and Development Policy.

5.2 The Organisation must provide the following reports by the date, in the format and the number of copies indicated:

- (a) When the funds are expended, the Organisation is to provide a Final Report supported by an acquittal of the Funds against the budget in the Initiative Proposal. The Final Report is to focus on outcomes achieved against the Project objectives contained in the Initiative Proposal.

6. **TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE**

6.1 The maximum amount payable by AusAID to the Organisation under this Funding Order shall not exceed the sum of **A\$4,305,000** plus GST if any up to a maximum amount of **A\$430,500**.

6.2 AusAID will pay the Funds to the Organisation in accordance with this **Clause 6** within 30 days of receipt by AusAID of acceptance of this Funding Orders and a valid Tax Invoice or within 30 days of acceptance by AusAID of an acquittal of the previous tranche and receipt of a valid Tax invoice.

7. **SECURITY**

7.1 The Organisation must liaise and cooperate with AusAID, the Project stakeholders and the Australian Diplomatic Mission in or having responsibility for the Partner Country, especially in relation to project security, personal safety and welfare matters.

7.2 The Organisation must use its best endeavours to ensure that all international Organisation personnel working in the Partner Country:

- (a) are certified as fit and healthy by a legally qualified medical practitioner to work in the Partner Country and have received the necessary medical advice, including that on vaccinations and other preventive medical assistance allowing them to undertake work in-country in a safe manner; and
- (b) are adequately briefed and understand the environment and culture of the Partner Country.

8. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

8.1 Tax invoices must be submitted when due in accordance with this Funding Order, in a form identifying the project/activity title, the Funding Order number **37884/82**. Invoices must also contain the Payment Event number as notified by AusAID.

8.2 All tax invoices must be **made to:**

Chief Finance Officer
Australian Agency for International Development
GPO Box 887
CANBERRA ACT 2601

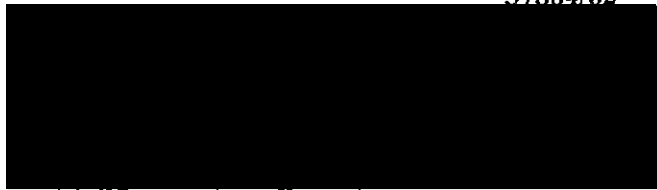
8.3 Tax invoices should be sent to the above address. Alternatively AusAID will accept electronic tax invoices. These can be sent to accountsprocessing@ausaid.gov.au

8.4 Invalid invoices will be returned to organisations. Information on what constitutes a valid tax invoice can be found at <http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/50913.htm>

9. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

9.1 Please indicate your acceptance on the Acceptance of Offer of Funds attached and return it to AusAID. The receipt by AusAID of the signed copy of this correspondence will conclude the agreed Funding Order which will authorise the Organisation to proceed with the Initiative.

Issued for and on behalf of the **Commonwealth of Australia** represented by the Australian Agency for International Development by:



Signature of FMA Act s44 Delegate



Name
(Print)

Assistant Director General, Humanitarian and Peace Building Branch

Position, Section

In the presence of:



Signature of witness



Name of witness
(Print)

Attachments:

- A . **Acceptance of Offer of Funds**
- B **Deed of Confidentiality**
- C **Initiative Proposal including Budget Summary**

Attachment A
First Tranche of 2011-12 Core Funding
FUNDING ORDER
ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER OF FUNDS

Australian Red Cross, ABN 50 169 561 394 accepts the offer of Funds as set out above and agrees to implement the Initiative(s) described in the Initiative Proposal and in accordance with the requirements contained in this Funding Order No. **37884/82** and the NGOPI, as amended from time to time.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____

Signed for and on behalf of **Australian Red Cross, ABN 50 169 561 394** by:

Name and Position
(Print)

Signature

By executing this Funding Order the signatory warrants that the signatory is duly authorised to execute this Funding Order on behalf of the Organisation.

Attachment B**DEED OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

THIS DEED POLL is made on the <Insert Date> day of <Insert Month and Year> in favour of **COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA** represented by the Australian Agency for International Development ("AusAID").

BY <Insert Name and Address of Recipient> (the "Recipient").

RECITALS

- A. AusAID and **Australian Red Cross** (the "Organisation") **ABN 50 169 561 394** have entered into Funding Order **82** under Head Agreement No. **37884**
- B. The Recipient has been engaged by the Organisation to work on the initiative.
- C. In undertaking the work, the Recipient will have access to AusAID Confidential Information.
- D. AusAID requires the Recipient to enter into this Deed in relation to use of AusAID Confidential Information.

THE RECIPIENT DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**1. INTERPRETATION**

In this Deed:

"AusAID Confidential Information" means information that

- (a) is designated by AusAID as confidential; or
- (b) is personal information under the *Privacy Act 1988*,
but does not include this Agreement or information which:
 - (c) is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this Agreement or any other confidentiality obligation; or
 - (d) has been independently developed or acquired by the Organisation, as established by written evidence.

2. **NON DISCLOSURE**

2.1 The Recipient must not copy, reproduce or disclose any of the AusAID Confidential Information without the prior written consent of AusAID, which consent AusAID may grant or withhold in its absolute discretion.

3. **RESTRICTION ON USE**

3.1 The Recipient must use the AusAID Confidential Information only for the purpose of the services pursuant to the Head Agreement.

4. **DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS**

4.1 AusAID may, at any time and without notice, demand, either orally or in writing, the delivery to AusAID of all documents in the possession or control of the Recipient which contain the AusAID Confidential Information.

5. **SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS**

5.1 The obligations in this Deed are perpetual.

EXECUTED as a deed poll.

SIGNED, for and on behalf of the Recipient by:

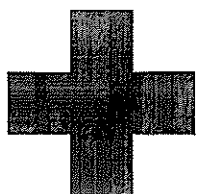
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Signature of [Insert Recipients Name]

In the presence of:

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Signature of witness

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Name of witness
(Print)

Attachment C



Australian Red Cross

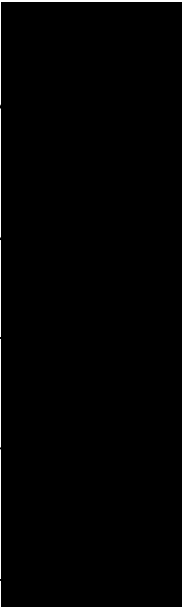
THE POWER OF HUMANITY

Australian Red Cross

**Partnership Agreement
Budget and Narrative**

2011-2012

(April 2011)

	Indicative Budget Allocation
Shared Objectives	2011/12
1. The Australian Government, with Australian Red Cross as its auxiliary in the humanitarian field, complement and enhance each other's contribution to save lives and alleviate suffering in the face of international emergencies, by delivering assistance that is timely, effective, visible and appropriate.	
2. AusAID and Australian Red Cross support the integration of Disaster Risk Reduction activities and strategies into disaster management and development programming	
3. Reduce vulnerability and build resilience by ensuring development programs are well-targeted and delivered effectively	
4. Renew commitments to share information and strengthen evaluation and lesson-learning	
5. Build public awareness of key humanitarian values, including International Humanitarian Law and the outcomes of the AusAID – Australian Red Cross Partnership	
Total	\$6,902,861

Partnership Agreement Shared Objective 1 – The Australian Government, with Australian Red Cross as its auxiliary in the humanitarian field, complement and enhance each other's contribution to save lives and alleviate suffering in the face of international emergencies, by delivering assistance that is timely, effective, visible and appropriate.

Australian Red Cross, as a humanitarian partner to the Australian government, and as a member of the global Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement), contributes both globally to international emergency responses and to communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man made disasters. These contributions can be in the form of funds donated by the Australian public or Australian government, through sending skilled delegates, and/or through sending specialised equipment. With a presence in 186 countries, and embedded at the community level, the Movement is uniquely placed to provide humanitarian assistance and respond in times of emergency.

When natural disasters and/or conflicts occur, Red Cross delegates; long term staff; and volunteers are able to mobilise quickly within existing operating structures, providing rapid and appropriate relief to those in need. Australian Red Cross provides an integrated service, including the provision of targeted technical assistance in the areas of water and sanitation (WATSAN), emergency shelter, and public health (including nutrition).

Where there are opportunities to scale up our disaster response capacity, the Australian Red Cross will prioritise the following: disaster response training, especially to those National Societies which hold pre-placed Australian Red Cross water treatment equipment; strengthening the community health module capacity (with full kit); setting up pre-arranged partnerships with Red Cross National Societies with Health Emergency Response Units; setting up a Mass Sanitation Module, and expanding our emergency shelter technical capacity.

Through the Australian Red Cross Delegate's Program, suitably qualified and experienced technical delegates are recruited, trained and deployed to address the needs of people made vulnerable by disasters and/or conflict. When called upon, Australian Red Cross can mobilise these delegates, with technical equipment if requested, within 24 to 48 hours of a request from an affected National Society. The program maintains a mechanism to quarantine funds for emergency deployments, which allows Australian Red Cross the ability to respond to evolving needs. This flexibility also allows for response efforts where no public appeal is launched, and enables immediacy when waiting for public appeals to be initiated for large scale disasters.

Australian Red Cross is able to mobilise delegates to respond to disasters globally. Whilst the majority of assistance is currently focused geographically in the Asia Pacific region, Australian Red Cross delegates will also have an increasing presence in other regions.

To provide the most effective and timely support, Australian Red Cross maintains a Disaster Response Team register of trained delegates available for rapid deployment to assist disaster response activities. The register includes delegates across a range of profiles including WATSAN, health, shelter, logistics, security, nutrition and restoring family links, who have undertaken specific training in disaster response and operating disaster response equipment. Delegates on this register are (preliminarily) medically cleared and have confirmed availability and commitment to be on stand-by for deployment at short notice.

Under the rapid deployment framework agreement between Australian Red Cross and ICRC, Australian Red Cross maintains a stand-by capacity for the rapid mobilisation and deployment to ICRC operations in situations of conflict globally, for delegates under the profiles of WATSAN, Nutrition and Restoring Family Links.

Deployment duration is for a maximum of three months and enables Australian delegates to be on the ground, delivering assistance to alleviate the suffering of civilian populations caught in the midst of conflict.

Australian Red Cross also deploys media and communications delegates, promoting the visibility of relief and response efforts, including Australian aid and delegate contributions. Media coverage of delegates upon their return to Australia, as well as from the field, continue visibility and awareness of the unique contribution made by Australian delegates.

In non-emergency times, Australian Red Cross international emergencies team provide the Movement (including Australian Red Cross) with technical support, pre-placed equipment and training in disaster risk reduction (DRR), WATSAN, shelter, health, logistics and security management. The International Emergencies Team is an active member of ACFID's Humanitarian Reference Group and contributes widely to humanitarian policy and debates.

Partnership Agreement Shared Objective 2 – AusAID and Australian Red Cross support the integration of Disaster Risk Reduction activities and strategies into disaster management and development programming

Australian Red Cross' Disaster Risk Reduction position statement (2010) recommends that all Red Cross development programs consider strengthening national societies' and vulnerable communities' capacity for risk reduction. This approach is aligned with IFRC's approach to disaster risk reduction.

While high publicity disasters stimulate global advocacy and resource mobilization, there are numerous smaller disasters that, on aggregate, affect most people world-wide. With the world's largest voluntary network, and 186 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, one of the greatest strengths of Australian Red Cross and its Movement partners in disaster risk reduction is its contribution to strengthening resilience at the community level.

IFRC – Disaster Risk Reduction Priorities

The IFRC has developed its disaster risk reduction priorities into a Framework for Community Safety and Resilience, which has three strategic objectives:

1. The integration of disaster risk reduction into policies, planning and longer-term programming
2. Targeting disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness activities and advocacy
3. The focused integration of disaster risk reduction considerations into humanitarian response and disaster recovery.

Building safer and more resilient communities is at the heart of the IFRC's approach to disaster risk reduction. This is done through vulnerability and capacity assessments, which generate an understanding of the risks from the hazards that communities face, the social, economic and environmental factors that determine their vulnerabilities and the capacities they can mobilize and strengthen to address these challenges.

National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, such as the Australian Red Cross, that are keen to integrate disaster risk reduction activities and strategies into disaster management and development programming are invited to sign up to a *Red Cross Global Alliance* and follow the priorities as articulated in the Framework for Community Safety and Resilience. All actions in the implementation of disaster risk reduction projects under the Framework are linked to the priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action that are relevant to the Red Cross mandate.

Disaster Risk Reduction activities supported under the Partnership Agreement are outlined below.

International Disaster Response Law (IDRL)

In 2010-11, the IDRL program will continue to fulfil its mandate from the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross Movement to disseminate and promote the use of the IDRL Guidelines, in order to reduce unnecessary restrictions, delays and expenses in international disaster relief operations and to increase their quality and coordination with domestic efforts.

The IDRL program will support an intensive series of technical assistance and training projects designed to encourage States and National Societies to utilise the IDRL Guidelines. The program will also continue to assist National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to build their capacity and knowledge of a range of legal issues

in disaster management (both international and national) to enable them to provide more effective advice to their governments, consistent with their humanitarian mandates and auxiliary roles.

Expected IDRL Program outcomes include:

1. Policy-makers (in countries receiving technical assistance) understand and make use of the IDRL Guidelines to strengthen legal and policy frameworks for disaster response.
2. National Societies and humanitarian partners interested in using IDRL to advocate for better preparedness are empowered to use legal tools and advocate for strengthened legal frameworks for disaster response (through training)
3. The IDRL Guidelines are well-known, partnerships are developed and the knowledge base of the Movement on legal issues in disaster response is deepened.

Challenges

The IDRL program has implications for a range of countries that already have planned processes for responding to emergencies. The changes recommended by IDRL are therefore often slow in occurring and require consistent engagement with the countries. In some cases, the challenges lie in cumbersome official decision making processes, meaning that project proposals sit for a long time without any formal approval. Full scale Technical Assistance Projects can also be seen as rather 'heavy' processes to initiate, particularly with governments that are unfamiliar with the topic, and thus require a long lead time for relationship-building in each country.

Pacific Disaster Management Partnership

The Pacific Disaster Management Partnership (Pacific DMP) is an ongoing partnership between AusAID, Australian Red Cross, IFRC and ten Red Cross national societies from across the Pacific region. Pacific DMP was designed as a long term commitment to building the capacity of Red Cross disaster management in the Pacific.

Pacific DMP started in June 2009 and builds upon five year's work carried out under the Strategic Engagement Program which worked in Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. Pacific DMP is an expanded program that also covers Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Palau, and Micronesia, and supports the regional disaster management work of IFRC.

The Pacific DMP is unique in the Pacific. It was designed with extensive consultation between all stakeholders and moves to a program structure designed specifically around the needs, capacities, and diversity of the Movement and communities in the region. Core elements of the Pacific DMP design are:

- 'Partnership' approach - 'based on mutual respect among all parties and recognises each other's roles, responsibilities, obligations and accountabilities'.
- A holistic approach to disaster management, designed to the capacities of national societies, without excessive distinction between response, preparedness, and risk reduction.
- A consultative process of program and activity design – moving away from 'imposed' timelines, work plans, accountability, reporting methods, etc.
- Emphasis on capacity building.
- Flexible, multi-year financing.

The main activities carried out through the program fall under the following broad objectives:

1. To strengthen the capacity of Red Cross to respond to disasters at national, branch and community level.
2. To ensure that the selected Red Cross branches have the capacity to respond at local level and to support branch development at community level.
3. To strengthen community resilience through disaster risk reduction.
4. Effective coordination and awareness-raising with all stakeholders.
5. Provision of management oversight and technical support to Red Cross National Societies to implement the above activities.

A mid term review of the Pacific DMP is currently taking place. AusAID is a member of the Critical Reference Group guiding this review. Recommendations from this review will be addressed by the program in 2011/12.

Guangxi Red Cross Community Based Disaster Preparedness Program –

This project seeks to improve community resilience by providing training in areas such as basic first aid, promoting participatory processes that lead to the identification of risks and hazards, and enabling the construction of appropriate structures to mitigate the risks. The project also seeks to build the capacity of Red Cross staff and volunteers at provincial and sub levels in terms of improved skills e.g. project management and greater institutional linkages. A mid-term review of the program is currently taking place, which will identify potential support following the current phase.

Australian Red Cross Delegates Program

The first objective of the Australian Red Cross' delegate program is to: Contribute to strengthening of the Red Cross Movement's disaster management capacity, particularly in Asia Pacific, by strategically deploying disaster management delegates to key roles within the Federation and/or supporting National Societies.

In delivering this objective, delegates will be deployed with IFRC or bilaterally with Red Cross or Red Crescent National Societies to strengthen regional disaster management capacities, providing technical inputs in the areas of WATSAN, health, shelter, logistics, tracing and restoring family links, as well as general disaster management which includes response, preparedness and recovery.

Delegates seconded to the IFRC also provide technical inputs to strengthen disaster management capacity of National Societies through strategic and leadership roles such as Country Representatives, Head of Delegation, Head of Disaster Management Unit, Regional Program Coordinators or Disaster Management delegates; with the potential to impact regional and global programs.

Partnership Agreement Shared Objective 3 - Reduce vulnerability and build resilience by ensuring development programs are well-targeted and delivered effectively

The first outcome of Australian Red Cross's International Strategy 2009-2014 is to work with the most disadvantaged people, in their most vulnerable times and in the most disadvantaged places, primarily in the Asia Pacific Region, to help them achieve healthier, safer, more protected and sustainable lives for themselves and for their children.

In 2011-2012, this will be achieved by continuing Australian Red Cross' commitment to supporting National Societies in Asia and the Pacific to strengthen both disaster management and health programming. All Australian Red Cross programs adopt a capacity building approach, with aims to strengthen local partner's ability to assess; design; implement; and review programs.

Health programs supported by Australian Red Cross include HIV and AIDS prevention, community based water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); community based integrated health programming; first aid training; maternal and child health; and improving the capacity for the management of safe blood programs. These programs promote a healthy lifestyle, empower communities, mobilize volunteers and link communities to the formal health system. In this way, they contribute to all levels of resilience (individual, community, national level),

Australian Red Cross will continue to build on community health components of WASH programs to address broader public health issues and encourage an integrated programming approach. A major focus will also be on encouraging in-country partnerships in health to cover the continuum of health needs and to support National Societies to undertake quality health strength and needs assessment processes and build capacity in community engagement. Some of the key activities for the coming year will be the evaluation of the ten year HIV program in Mongolia and the associated re-design. Small grants programs will continue in the Pacific for HIV awareness and promotion of voluntary blood donation.

Many National Societies also contribute significantly at the national level to supportive public health policies and are operating in the formal health system (e.g. blood and ambulance services) and these programs will be supported as appropriate. At the global level, as a member of the Red Cross Movement, Australian Red Cross is committed to the IFRC Strategy 2020 which guides health programming and is actively involved in the development of the IFRC Strategic Operational Framework for Health (2011-2015). Both of these documents have wide ranging implications for health programming and guide the Movement in addressing emerging (and consequences) of global health trends (demographics, non-communicable disease, epidemics, pandemics) and engaging in health diplomacy and advocacy.

For 2011-2012, through the AusAID Partnership, Australian Red Cross will continue its partnership with:

- Cruz Vermelha de Timor (East Timor Red Cross) - Rural WATSAN in Lautem District;
- Cruz Vermelha de Timor - Cribas Water Supply Project;
- Lao Red Cross - Capacity Development and Community Resilience Program;
- Vietnam Red Cross Society - Community-Based Health Care;
- Cambodian Red Cross - Capacity Development and Community-Based Health Program ;
- Xinjiang Branch, Red Cross Society of China - HIV and AIDS Prevention and Care Program;
- Pacific Red Cross National Societies - World AIDS day and World Blood Donor Day;
- Philippine Red Cross - Community Health and Resilience Project; and

- Solomon Islands Red Cross will be designing the next phase of two programs - Together for Health Communities and Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donor Recruitment.

The role of bilateral delegates often has a strong element of capacity development to strengthen the capability of National Societies in disaster preparedness, response and recovery, as well as general program management. Through organizational development, finance, and monitoring and evaluation roles, bilateral delegates contribute to improved planning and programming which lead to improved outcomes for vulnerable people.

Partnership Agreement Shared Objective 4 - Renew commitments to share information and strengthen evaluation and lesson-learning

To date, collaboration and sharing lessons learning between AusAID and Australian Red Cross has been patchy. Under the Partnership Agreement, discussions have recently taken place regarding joint participation in respective Real Time Evaluations and for AusAID to participate in a monitoring trip of the Delegate's Program in Pakistan. Additionally, AusAID staff will be invited to participate in Australian Red Cross's Disaster Response Training, and other Australian Red Cross and IFRC Disaster Management training programs as available. Further communication will take place between HER and Australian Red Cross regarding these.

Australian Red Cross currently forwards a weekly update of Red Cross monitoring of international emergencies and highlighted activities of the Movement in disaster management. A protocol to communicate the deployment of Australian Red Cross delegates to relevant AusAID staff is currently being discussed, as is the development of case studies and profiles of senior and/or strategic delegates for AusAID information and communications.

Australian Red Cross would welcome the opportunity to increase engagement with relevant country and sectoral desks and with AusAID Posts to further discuss shared commitments and opportunities under the partnership agreement. Meetings on Australian Red Cross and IFRC health priorities will take place in May, and further discussions around Red Cross emergency and development work in Water and Sanitation are planned. AusAID involvement in the International Humanitarian Law Advisory Committee is very welcome.

In terms of monitoring and evaluation, Australian Red Cross will focus on new designs for development programs in Indonesia, Vietnam, South Asia and Melanesia. Australian Red Cross will be in contact with AusAID Posts to discuss these designs, and would also welcome AusAID Post input into the design process. Australian Red Cross will continue to trial a range of qualitative approaches to reviews and evaluations that are culturally relevant and appropriate and that serve to bolster other techniques in evaluative practice. These include approaches such as Most Significant Change, Photovoice and other digital media techniques. Training in these new methods will be increasingly delivered to our National Society Partners in the region.

All AusAID funded Australian Red Cross programs are managed against a project management cycle and are subject to regular review and evaluation. The DAC criteria form the basis of the approach to development evaluations. All evaluation recommendations, whether from real time evaluations or long term development programs, are consolidated in a central database and actions are regularly monitored. Program evaluations next year will include a water and sanitation project implemented by Timor Leste; a review of the integrated health model implemented by Cambodia Red Cross; and an evaluation of the long term Health and HIV project implemented by Mongolia Red Cross. Further information can be forwarded to AusAID regarding these evaluations as planning progresses.

Australian Red Cross contributes its evaluations and reviews to a database made available to other members of the Movement. In 2011-2012, Australian Red Cross will be increasing its dissemination of lessons learned both to partners in the field and also sharing reviews and evaluations with partner national societies who can benefit from utilisation of particular findings and/or recommendations. Australian Red Cross is also working to harmonise Monitoring and Evaluation approaches in the Asia Pacific region and will support an M&E delegate in the Asia Regional Zone in 2011/12. As part of this support for regional capacity building and harmonisation, Australian Red Cross will support regional reflections in November 2011 amongst National Society and other Movement Partners to improve program learning and coordination.

Delegates

Under the delegate program, the focus of M&E is to document service delivery and capacity building activities, through field based interviews with delegates and their host counterparts or managers within IFRC, ICRC or National Societies. These interviews and case studies will be used to collect data which highlights contributions to the objectives of the program and the partnership agreement. This is in alignment with a refined program logic and monitoring and evaluation framework, and tools that were developed in 2011. Australian Red Cross are committed to informing AusAID of pending monitoring visits, liaising with posts in-country and encouraging collaboration and sharing of information wherever possible.

Information is also disseminated through regular distribution of the Australian Red Cross 'Upfront newsletter for delegates' which informs delegates of Australian Red Cross news, opportunities and includes stories from colleagues in the field.

Program reflections will also encompass internal data collection procedures such as End of Mission reports and surveys, performance reviews and post-mission debriefing, and emphasis will be placed on a systematic approach to drawing lessons from these mechanisms.

Partnership Agreement Shared Objective 5 – Build public awareness of key humanitarian values, including International Humanitarian Law and the outcomes of the AusAID – Australian Red Cross Partnership

In the last decade there has been an increasing demand from the humanitarian sector, both in Australia and internationally, for a better understanding of key humanitarian values and in particular relevant areas of international law such as international humanitarian law (IHL). Increased public awareness of matters such as the prosecution of those accused of war crimes, has raised broader understanding of IHL and the role this area of law plays before, during and after conflict in reducing suffering. This has in turn resulted in numerous requests of the existing IHL Officers within Australian Red Cross to run sessions for humanitarians on IHL.

Humanitarian actors, working in conflict zones and areas of tension, as well as relevant government authorities, require accessible, focused and clear training on the rights and obligations of this sector under IHL and the limitations that have been agreed by States. Material that can be 'stand-alone' as well as training packages and quality curriculum is required in Australia. European National Red Cross Societies in countries such as Finland and Denmark currently run such courses and Australian Red Cross is ideally placed to take a leadership role within the Movement on this topic.

Profiling delegate stories and experiences through the media, both from the field and upon return to Australia, continue to raise public awareness of humanitarian values, concerns and the contribution of Australian delegates to international development and emergency response efforts. Delegates also draw on their experience to inform the general public of humanitarian work through presentations and trainings on IHL and regular International Humanitarian Action Trainings.

In the last two years Australian Red Cross continues to provide support and assistance to colleagues in National Red Cross Societies in the Pacific. Working closely with ICRC and when appropriate IFRC, Australian Red Cross provides training for Pacific National Societies as well as develops specific dissemination material such as 'Guide to the International Red Cross/Crescent Movement' and brochures explaining the importance of protecting the Red Cross emblem. An initial grant from AusAID funded the development of a number of IHL Handbooks for Parliamentarians (see attached Solomon Island Handbook), and associated training for some Pacific National Societies' IHL staff. Subsequently, many other Pacific National Societies have requested the provision of accessible and rigorous IHL material and training for their IHL staff members.

Expected Outcomes

- Deeper understanding of existing training packages available to humanitarian actors (both governmental and non-governmental)
- Research into the specific areas of IHL of interest and relevance to the humanitarian sector
- Development of a suite of resources (such as an IHL Handbook for Humanitarians); a power point presentation, on-line training and DVD) to reflect 'best practice'
- Provision of tailored training sessions to AusAID staff, key peak bodies of NGOs and specific NGOs based on requirements
- 'Guide to the International Red Cross/Crescent Movement' developed for specific National Societies as well as requested dissemination material
- IHL training conducted in two Pacific National Societies
- Three staff from Pacific National Societies participate in IHL training in Australia, conducted by the Australian Red Cross and attend relevant IHL events