



Australian Government

AusAID

[REDACTED]

Head, International Programs
Australian Red Cross
155 Pelham Street
Carlton
VIC 3035

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Funding Order No. 105 for the Partnership Annual Funding 2012-13.

You have agreed to undertake the above Project in accordance with Head Agreement No. 37884.

Attached is the final copy of the Funding Order issued under the Head Agreement for your records. This Funding Order brings into existence a Cooperation Agreement between AusAID and Australian Red Cross, ABN 50 169 561 394 to provide the Services specified under "Services" in the attached order.

We look forward to working closely with the Australian Red Cross over the next year.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Director, Humanitarian Emergency Response

10 Sept 12

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 (“Organisation”)** ABN 50 169 561 394 and brings into existence a contract (“**Cooperation 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. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- 1.1 This Cooperation Agreement governs collaboration between AusAID and the Organisation to achieve the mutual goals of poverty reduction and achievement of sustainable development as detailed in the 2010/11 – 2012/13 Partnership Agreement of November 2010. This Agreement is designed to harness the experience, capacity and linkages of AusAID and the Australian Red Cross to deliver specific, targeted strategic outcomes for the broader objectives of the Consolidated Aid Policy Framework (including both country strategies and the 2011 Humanitarian Action Policy. This Cooperation Agreement aims to build on and maximise the unique strengths of the Organisation particularly in relation to its long term experience, capacity and linkages with partner organisations and communities in to prepare for disasters, address the needs of vulnerable people, and respond to emergencies on a global basis.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 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.

3. TERM OF FUNDING ORDER

- 3.1 The term of this Funding Order is deemed to have begun on the **1 July 2012** 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.

4. THE SERVICES

- 4.1 AusAID offers to provide the Organisation with accountable funds for the implementation of the Initiative as specified in *Annex B, Scope of Services and additional annexures as agreed*.

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) One interim report, to a format and schedule as agreed
 - (b) One annual report, to a format and template as agreed,
 - (c) One final Report on the Partnership, to a format and template as agreed,

6. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- 6.1 The Organisation is responsible for monitoring on an on-going basis the performance of Initiative activities and the performance of the Delivery Organisation against Partnership Budget and Narrative 2012-13 as provided. The Organisation shall report regularly to AusAID on the results of monitoring in the **Project, Shared Objective and Partnership** and in exception reports as requested by AusAID from time to time.
- 6.2 The Organisation is responsible for establishing a monitoring and evaluation framework able to report on achievements at all levels of the Initiative.
- 6.3 AusAID may also undertake monitoring, review and evaluation of activities at any time. AusAID may undertake a mid-term review of activities during the Implementation Phase. The Organisation shall, and request its Delivery Organisation staff to, facilitate any monitoring visits, provide reasonable assistance to and cooperate fully with other service providers as AusAID may reasonably request. AusAID undertakes to provide reasonable notice (where possible at least 4 weeks) to the Organisation prior to commencing a review or evaluation.
- 6.4 AusAID will advise the Organisation of the results of the Mid Term Review by letter in hard or electronic copy. AusAID may use the information generated in the Mid Term Review to provide the Organisation with recommendations concerning implementation. AusAID may also use the information to make a decision to extend the implementation period.

7. FUNDS PAYABLE TO THE ORGANISATION

- 7.1 The financial limitation for this Initiative is A\$8,090,293 plus GST as specified in *Annex C, Basis of Payment*.
- 7.2 The provision of Funds to the Organisation is subject to:
- (a) Compliance with all of the requirements set down within this Funding Order, 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, and
 - (b) Issuing of an appropriate tax invoice as required by **Clause 9** below.

8. SECURITY

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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 health 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.

9. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

- 9.1 Tax invoices must be submitted when due in accordance with this Funding Order, in a form identifying the Initiative title and the Funding Order number 37884/105. Invoices must also contain the Payment Event number as notified by AusAID.

- 9.2 All tax invoices must be **made** to:

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


- 9.3 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
- 9.4 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>


10. ACCEPTANCE OFFER


- 10.1 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:

In the presence of:


Signature of witness


Name of witness
(Print)


Signature of FMA Act s44 Delegate
Name

Catherine Walker,
First Assistant Director General,
Humanitarian & Stabilisation Division

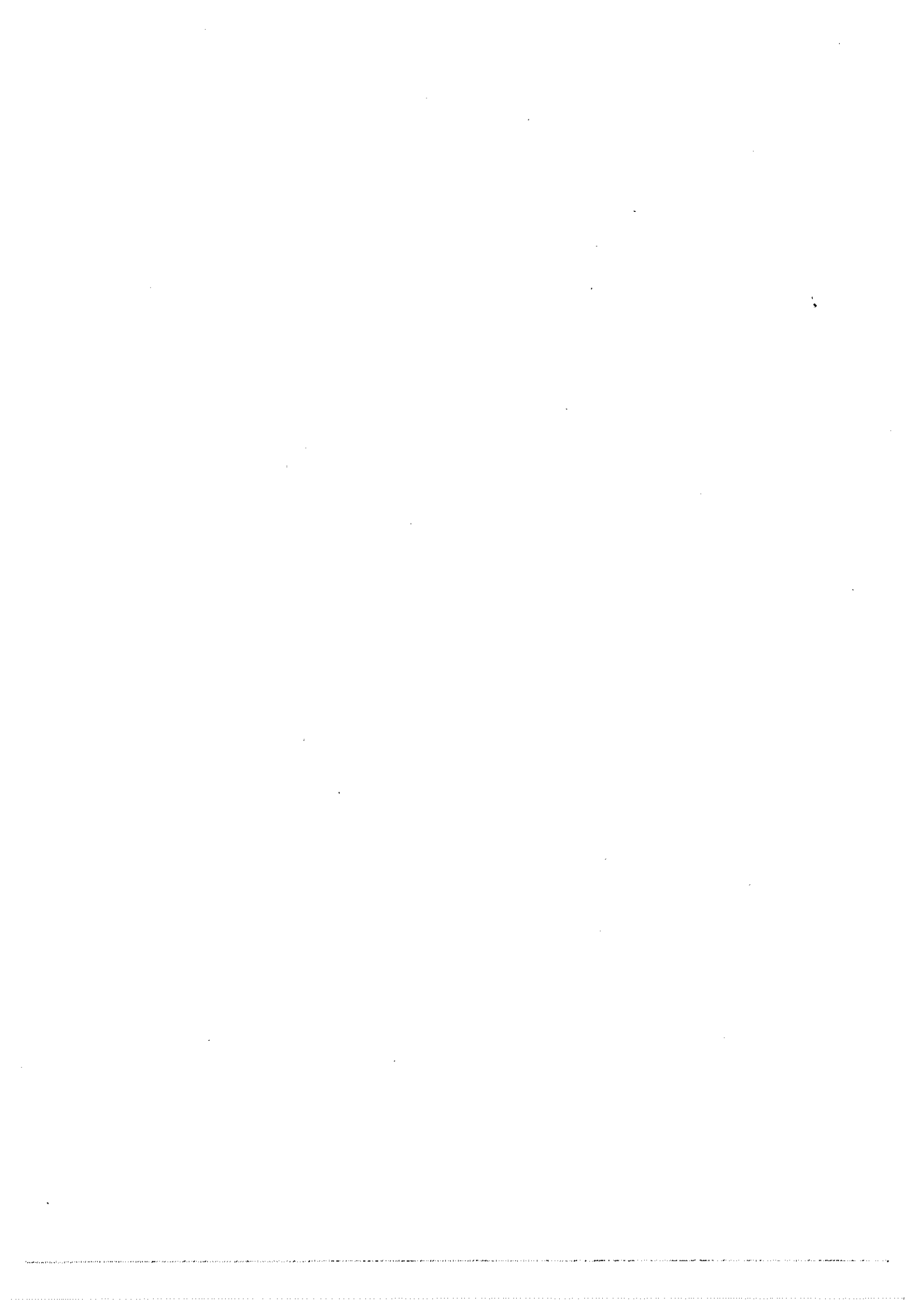
4 September 2012

NOTE TO USER

Two original copies of the Funding Order and Annex 4 (Acceptance of Offer of Funds) need to be signed. One original must be sent to the Organisation. One original of each must be sent to RMU to be placed on the purple Contract file with a photocopy retained on the working file by the originating area in AusAID.

Annexures:

- A Acceptance of Offer of Funds
- B Scope of Services
- C Basis of Payment
- D Deed of Confidentiality



Annex A

Partnership Annual Funding 2012-13

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 undertake the Initiative in accordance with the requirements contained in this Funding Order No. 37884/105 and the NGOPI, as amended from time to time.

Dated this 25th day of ~~September~~^{August} 2012

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

	
Name and Position (Print)	Signature

	
	
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.

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

In the presence of:

Signature of witness

Name of witness
(Print)

Signature of FMA Act s44 Delegate

Name
Assistant Director General, Humanitarian Preparedness & Response Branch
Position, Section

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Annex B

SCOPE OF SERVICES

PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL FUNDING 2012-13

Attachment: Partnership Agreement Budget and Narrative 2012-2013

Annex C

BASIS OF PAYMENT

PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL FUNDING 2012-13

1. **TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE**

Funding of \$8,090,293 plus GST if any up to a maximum amount of \$809,029 will be payable as acquittable funding by AusAID within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

Annex D

SCHEDULE 3 - DEED OF CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS DEED POLL is made on the day of [^{insert} 25th Feb 2012] 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 105 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 the use of AusAID Confidential Information.

THE RECIPIENT DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

2. 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.

3. NON DISCLOSURE

- 3.1 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.

4. **RESTRICTION ON USE**

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

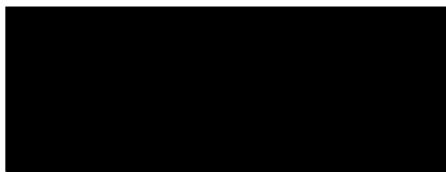
5. **DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS**

5.1 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.

6. **SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS**

6.1 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 *(Print Name Here)*
[Redacted]

In the presence of:

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[Redacted]
Signature of witness

.....
[Redacted]
Name of witness
(Print)

Australian Red Cross

Partnership Agreement Budget and Narrative

2012-2013

(May 2012)



Annual Budget

Shared Objectives	Indicative Budget Allocation 2012/13
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	
Total request from AusAID	\$8,090,293

Unbudgeted (proposals to follow)	Additional Funding Need
Delegates- additional	
Shelter	
DREF	
Total	

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 part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement), has a specific mandate to support the public authorities in their humanitarian work. Through this independent and auxiliary role, Australian Red Cross and the public authorities negotiate clearly defined roles and responsibilities in providing risk reduction and disaster management activities, health and social programs, the promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Disaster Law (formerly International Disaster Response Law (IDRL)).

This specific and independent auxiliary relationship is recognised in international law in documents such as the Geneva Conventions of 1949, their 1977 Additional Protocols, Statutes of the Movement and agreement upon in Guidelines such as IDRL. Domestically before a National Society can become part of the Movement a number of conditions need to be met. The first is that the State must have agreed to be bound by the Geneva Conventions and then the National Society must be legally recognised as auxiliary to the humanitarian services of the public authorities. In Australia this is established by a Royal Charter. The Royal Charter legally requires Australian Red Cross to work in a certain way, in particular following the Fundamental Principles which include humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence.

With a presence in 187 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, 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 Delegates 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 with disaster response activities. The register includes delegates who have undertaken specific training in disaster response and operating disaster response equipment and who have expertise across a range of profiles including WATSAN, health, shelter, logistics, security, nutrition and restoring family links. 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 the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Australian Red Cross maintains a stand-by capacity for the rapid mobilisation and global deployment to ICRC operations in situations of conflict for delegates with expertise in WATSAN, Nutrition and Restoring Family Links. Deployment duration is for a maximum of three months.

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 has observer status at the Humanitarian Reference Group of the Australian Council for Overseas Development (ACFID) and contributes widely to humanitarian policy and debates.

One initiative under this Shared Objective One is *Enhancing Red Cross Capacity to deliver WASH in Emergencies*. The intended outcome for 2012-2013 is to increase the capacity of National Societies in the Pacific Region to deliver water, sanitation facilities and support improved hygiene in emergencies. This will be achieved through the distribution of water, sanitation and hygiene equipment for use in emergencies and training for National Society staff on water, sanitation and hygiene response in emergencies.

Under this shared objective Australian Red Cross also contributes to IFRC's *Global water and Sanitation Initiative (GWSI)*. GWSI is a ten-year program (2005-2015) specifically encouraging the scaling-up of longer-term water and sanitation programming to increase the availability of sustainable water and sanitation

infrastructure, promote improved hygiene awareness and behavioural change, while further strengthening community and National Society capacities.

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) commits all Red Cross development programs to considering strengthening national societies' and vulnerable communities' capacity for risk reduction. This approach is aligned with the approach of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to disaster risk reduction.

While high profile disasters stimulate global advocacy and resource mobilization, there are numerous smaller disasters that, on aggregate, affect more people world-wide. With the world's largest voluntary network and 187 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 community level resilience.

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 that are keen to integrate disaster risk reduction activities and strategies into disaster management and development programming, such as Australian Red Cross, 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 priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action.

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

Disaster Law Program

The Disaster Law program seeks to reduce human vulnerability by promoting legal preparedness for disasters. Previously known as the International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles (IDRL) program, the program has now broadened its focus to cover legal issues related to disaster risk reduction and recovery.

In 2012-2013, the Disaster Law program will continue to contribute to more effective disaster preparedness and getting relief to vulnerable people faster. The program will support an intensive series of technical assistance and training projects designed to encourage states to incorporate the recommendations of the IDRL Guidelines into their national law. It also encourages states, in cooperation with National Societies, the IFRC and other relevant partners to review their national legislation in order to assess whether they adequately address a number of listed issues regarding disaster risk reduction at community level and regulatory barriers to shelter after natural disasters.

Expected Disaster Law Program outcomes include:

1. **Technical Assistance:** Collaborating with National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other partners to assist governments in strengthening their domestic legal preparedness for disasters.
2. **Capacity Building:** Building the capacity of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to advise their governments on the development of disaster management law.
3. **Advocacy, dissemination and research:** Building partnerships at the international and regional level on legal preparedness, disseminating the IDRL Guidelines and fostering new and innovative research.

Challenges

The Disaster Law program has implications for a range of countries that already have planned processes for responding to emergencies. The changes recommended by the program therefore have to be integrated into existing processes, something that often takes time and requires consistent engagement with those countries. IFRC is working closely with National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other partners to identify those states that are ready, interested and have the capacity to take on the technical assistance projects offered by the program.

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:

- a '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.

Philippines Red Cross Building Resilient Communities through Community based Health and Disaster Risk Management The project addresses both health and disaster risks in the target villages of San Isidro and San Sebastian municipalities. The project aims to strengthen these communities to better prepare, respond to and recover from disasters. Partnership building is also a key outcome area to ensure sustainability of community health and Disaster Management initiatives. It also aims to increase community access to health information and services and improve hygiene and sanitation practices.

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'.

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 with the potential to impact regional and global programs such as Country Representatives, Head of Delegation, Head of Disaster Management Unit, Regional Program Coordinators or Disaster Management delegates.

In 2012-2013 the Delegates Program aims to further support IFRC and National Societies by increasing the number of delegate roles that specifically address cross cutting issues of gender, beneficiary accountability, climate change and disability.

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' 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 2012-2013, this will be progressed 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 and 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 a national level to developing supportive public health policies and are operating in the formal health system (e.g. blood and ambulance services); 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 2012-2013, through the AusAID Partnership, Australian Red Cross will continue its partnership with:

- Cruz Vermelha de Timor (East Timor Red Cross) - Integrated Community Based Risk Reduction(ICBRR);

- 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;
- Pacific Red Cross National Societies - World AIDS day, 16 Days 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence and World Blood Donor Day;
- Philippine Red Cross - Community Health and Resilience Project;; Building Resilient Communities through Community based Health and Disaster Risk Management and School-Based Water Sanitation Hygiene Promotion, Pangasinan and La Union;
- Solomon Islands Red Cross - Together for Health Communities II and Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donor Recruitment;
- Tibet Branch, Red Cross Society of China - Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donor Recruitment, HIV and Health Promotion;
- Vanuatu Red Cross - Evriwan i Patisipet blong Helti mo Hapi komuniti (P2HK);
- Sri Lanka Red Cross- Strengthening Sustainable Livelihoods for Internally Displaced People

2012-2013 will be the fourth year that Australian Red Cross has run the Asian Leaders Training program. This program seeks to develop the management and organisational capacities of Red Cross National Societies in Asia in order to effectively address the needs of vulnerable populations and communities in the region. The 2011-2012 Asia Leaders Training program focussed on program logic, participatory design, disability inclusive development, gender inclusive development, child protection, reporting (including beneficiary reporting) and monitoring and evaluation.

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, beneficiary communications, disability inclusive development, gender 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

Under the Partnership Agreement, a joint Mid-Term Review will be held in June 2012 and recommendations that are the product of the review will be incorporated into the commitment to this shared objective. A final evaluation will be scheduled late in 2012 and will inform the next partnership agreement.

AusAID staff will again be invited to participate in Australian Red Cross' International Humanitarian Law training; Disaster Response Training, and other Australian Red Cross and IFRC Disaster Management training programs as available. Further communication between Humanitarian and Emergency Response Section and Australian Red Cross will take place regarding these.

Australian Red Cross currently sends a weekly update to AusAID, detailing Red Cross monitoring of international emergencies and highlighted activities of the Movement in disaster management. Currently in discussion is a forward schedule of topics/case studies and other summaries for AusAID's use.

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. AusAID involvement in the International Humanitarian Law Advisory Committee is very welcome.

Australian Red Cross will focus on new designs for development programs in Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Laos, and Cambodia. 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 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 annual appraisal, 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 community based disaster preparedness project implemented by Guangxi Branch – China Red Cross Society from 2009-2012. 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 2012-2013, Australian Red Cross will continue to increase 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 2012-2013. As part of this support for regional capacity building and harmonisation, Australian Red Cross will support regional reflections in March 2013 amongst Asian National Societies, Delegates and other Movement Partners to improve program learning and coordination.

Australian Red Cross Delegates Program

For 2012-2013 there will be an increased focus on beneficiary engagement and the role that delegate have in improving the sharing of programmatic lessons learned with community members. 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

State Parties to the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols have committed to ensuring everyone is aware of international humanitarian law. Australian Red Cross has a specific mandate to assist governments in this important task.

Increased public awareness of matters such as the protection of civilians, increasing violence against health care structures and personnel, and the prosecution of those accused of war crimes, has raised broader understanding of IHL and the critical role this area of law plays before, during and after conflict in reducing suffering. The growing public interest in these issues has generated increasing demand on the IHL program to provide training and awareness raising events, particularly for identified target groups such as government, the military and the humanitarian community.

Building on the foundations already established under the Partnership Agreement and reflecting the outcomes of the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the IHL strategy 2009 – 2014, the focus will be on building knowledge and capacity in international humanitarian law in the domestic context with the humanitarian sector, and in the Pacific through partner National Societies. In addition, reflecting the joint Pledges between the Australian government and Australian Red Cross at the 31st International Conference of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, work will be undertaken on the priority areas of Health Care in Danger and Gender and IHL.

IHL for humanitarians

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.

It is essential for humanitarian workers to appreciate that the so-called 'humanitarian imperative' which expands the principle of humanity to include the right to receive and to give humanitarian assistance, is based on a legal obligation for aid to be provided in an impartial and humanitarian manner in conflict in order for humanitarian workers to benefit from the full protections afforded under IHL. It is not merely a question of best practice, but of legal obligation.

Having completed the pilot Australian Civilian Corp (ACC) training course on International legal frameworks for humanitarians, the IHL program will work with AusAID to develop a benchmark training program with associated resources such as an IHL

Handbook for Humanitarians and online training resources. This package will be targeted to ACC members and other humanitarian workers.

IHL and Gender

Reflecting the joint Pledge between the Australian government and Australian Red Cross at the 31st International Conference, a scoping exercise will be undertaken to identify effective ways to promote and encourage work within Australia, international organisations and NGOs to further develop and understand a gender perspective in IHL.

Health Care in Danger

Further to the commitment made by the Australian government and the Australian Red Cross, through a joint pledge at the 31st International Conference, the IHL program will undertake a range of activities to enhance a better understanding of the major humanitarian problem of violence against health care.

IHL Handbook and Movement Guide in Asia/ Pacific

Building on the momentum already achieved, and reflecting a joint Pledge to work together to promote IHL, in particular in the Asia Pacific region, the IHL program will continue to work with targeted National Societies in the Pacific and Asia to develop IHL Handbooks and undertake IHL training.

Expected Outcomes

- Development of an IHL Handbook for Humanitarians and online training resources to reflect 'best practice'
- Provision of tailored training sessions to AusAID staff, key peak bodies of NGOs and specific NGOs based on requirements
- IHL Handbook and Guide to the Movement developed for Asia/Pacific National Societies as well as IHL training and requested dissemination material
- Plan of Action developed to identify effective ways to further develop and understand a gender perspective in IHL
- Awareness raising activities undertaken with a range of stakeholders to build a deep appreciation of the urgent need to protect health care workers and patients in conflict and other situations of violence.