DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies “National Societies” 187

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - “IFRC”

International Committee of the Red Cross - “ICRC”
Overarching Goal of DRR for RC/RC

I. Reducing the loss of life and livelihood assets
II. Increasing the resilience of communities

Success in achieving this goal covers the extent to which communities:

- Are aware of hazards and risks they face;
- Have the capacity to respond to disasters effectively;
- Live in safe environments;
- Have access to essential services e.g. health, education;
- Resolve basic needs;
- Have support systems e.g. insurance, legal rights, social protection;
Red Cross/Crescent Comparative advantage in DRR activities

Red Cross Red Crescent Societies have recognised mandate (obligations and responsibilities) as auxiliaries to governments to assist, advise and advocate for DRR.

Presence - 187 NS, global reach, universal presence. Millions of volunteers at grass roots level.

The IFRC Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction – created in October 2007

Key Goal - “Building safer, resilient communities”
The Global Alliance—what do we aim to achieve?

Scale up effort in DRR amongst most vulnerable communities by:

- Greater community orientation in national and global policy on DRR and strengthened DRR institutions at all levels;
- Expand community based programming to identify and tackle disaster threats;
- Enhanced community-centred risk reduction measures as part of DR management;
- Strengthen NS capacity to deliver and sustain DRR programming;

By 2010

- Well functioning DRR programmes in at least 20 RC Societies in disaster-prone low-income countries;
- Minimum 30% scale up in resources for DRR work in those countries;
- Minimum 30% increase in participation and beneficiaries of DRR programmes in those countries;
Kazakhstan RC is increasing investment in 3 key areas of Disaster Risk Reduction to —

- **Strengthen Institutional Preparedness and Response**
  - Through better contingency planning, improving skills and knowledge of NS staff and volunteers, strengthening material and technical base and strengthening partnership with public authorities and other stakeholders.

- **Strengthen Local Red Crescent Branch Response Readiness**

- **Improve Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction**
  - Through improving skills and knowledge in DP, implementing mitigation and disaster awareness.
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