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NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITY EXCHANGE AND ENHANCEMENT PLATFORM PROJECT

I. Foreword

The global discourse on relief and development has changed significantly. Over the past decade, the global humanitarian agenda has been evolving from saving lives and providing basic services in emergencies to build resilience because of the protracted nature of crises. The main reason behind this change is the recent urgent needs for larger and more complex humanitarian responses. These emerging evolvments on humanitarian efforts trigger the changes of organizational imperatives and increase the needs for capacity development. Through the instrument of capacity building, humanitarian actors enhance their abilities to provide aid effectively. In parallel to this, sharing knowledge, expertise and good practices help organisations to adapt to the latest developments in the humanitarian sector, improve quality of response, test new approaches or adjust new ways of working, as well as improve cooperation and collective response to crises.



With the strength of the world's largest humanitarian network, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) works globally to help 160 million people every year with and in support of 192 member National Societies. To advance the operational vision, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies prioritised capacity strengthening of National Societies in Strategy 2030. As a cross-cutting point, focusing on an innovative humanitarian relief framework emphasizes the development and improvement of the local and national capacity in the response towards the crisis with regard to global perception. The key element that cements the roots of sustainable humanitarian activities is the establishment of stronger ties among National Societies in the Red World.



II. The National Society Capacity Exchange and Enhancement Platform Project

The National Society Capacity Exchange and Enhancement Platform Project is led by four international National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies: Turkish Red Crescent, British Red Cross, Bulgarian Red Cross, and Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This country consortium aims to improve the local and national capacity in response to the humanitarian crisis. Along with this, the primary object of the Project is to allow National Societies to develop and reinforce networks, increase their capacity to operate at transnational level, share and confront ideas, practices and methods. By developing or reinforcing networks, improving and extending the supply of qualified learning opportunities tailored to the needs of National Society professionals; facilitating access to upskilling pathways, increasing effective outreach guidance and motivation strategies, extending and developing educators' competences and developing mechanisms to monitor the effectiveness of adult learning policies are aimed.





Project Duration
32 months



Project Completion
30.08.2023



National Societies capacity development processes aim to contribute individual, community, and institutional resilience; invest strategic and operational coordination in the humanitarian activities, generate the dissemination of knowledge among the consortium, operationalize relief assistance for international emergencies, invigorate them in the international field using collective learning and influence humanitarian agendas. These components are referred to as the strategic tools of the project consortium and strengthen the existing collaboration among partner National Societies. In parallel to these, the Project aims to improve the efficiency, quality, and effectiveness of preparedness and response in the humanitarian community by knowledge spillovers and dissemination of information in the field, organization and global humanitarian sector levels. The key principle of the collaboration is providing a framework for participating agencies to work together towards improved humanitarian response.

Together with the sharing concerns, **two pillars** are determined as a common objective among the National Societies' collaboration: **Cash** and **Protection**.



Sharing National Societies' action plans as a response to the emergencies, resources, and approaches will be the starting point for understanding each member's mandate, priorities, and ways of working. Opportunities are aiming to develop joint strategies and initiatives will result from the analysis of the challenges, weaknesses and/or gaps within Protection and Cash Programs.

In the context of the Project's fundamental components, developing a common sense on project activities together as a consortium represents that the partner National Societies are clear on strategic priorities that cut across all areas of its work at the local, country, regional and global level. This includes a particular emphasis on capacity development to improve the performance of humanitarian activities that ensure quality, equity, efficiency, accountability, resilience, and sustainability in the delivery of humanitarian services. The comprehensive strategy of the Project, rather than a siloed approach focused on training and technical assistance alone, aims to create greater resilience and long-term learning cyclical sustainability within the Movement.

The Project operates strictly in support, and within the framework of, project plans under the programmatic leadership of the Project's Steering Committee. The main activities of the Project consist of improving human resources capacities through exchanges, training, and on- the -job exercises along with learning, teaching and training activities and identifying, compiling and sharing experience and knowledge through webinars, field visits, workshops, and other related activities.

