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Regarding the effective support to the National Societies on the matter of adaptation and strategical policy to address climate change, the Italian Red Cross (ItRC) has been very active and engaged, together with the Sister National Societies, through the planning and implementation of several projects in diversified contexts, especially in those regions with a high-risk level of natural disasters and climate change negative effects.

The ItRC is committed in contributing to the definition of national policies and domestic legal frameworks, and also strongly involved in the National Societies Development, contributing to strengthen the local capabilities and the preparedness of local actors to manage natural disasters and investing resources in the localisation. Beyond capacity building and the direct involvement of communities, the ItRC also contributes with the National Societies by providing technical assistance and developing supportive tools and advocacy. Moreover, in case of emergencies and natural disasters, the ItRC is always working in the first line to ensure that local affected communities receive the adequate support in terms of social protection, shelter, cash and voucher programmes if necessary and general support to the rehabilitation of them. In this framework, the ItRC can rely on a strong and diffused field presence, thanks to the geographical distribution of local branches and national delegations in all the regions.

Examples of good practices, impacts and challenges of the implementation of the resolution

1. PRRACC Project - Honduras

The project aims to the reduction of the risks and adaptation to the climate change, involving several local institutions as well as the local communities especially in the planning of intervention, promoting a bottom-up approach and the ownership of the project by the beneficiaries.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: Leaving no one behind in disaster laws, policies, strategies and plans and in climate change adaptation plans, policies and contributions

Impact: have an important element of sustainability and ownership by the beneficiaries who felt much more familiar with the preparation and response plans.

Partners: Honduran Civil Protection Organization, the different local authorities and the Honduran RC

Challenges: geographical distances, and logistical needs for the activities' implementation.

2. Youth Project – Nicaragua

The project aims to strengthen the capabilities as a Youth component in the National Society. The creation of mixed school brigades (Red Cross volunteers and people from the school community, teachers and non-teachers) has allowed a better preparedness for both the schools and the infrastructures and the people involved to respond to emergencies due to natural disasters.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: support our Sister NSs to cooperate with States and other actors, particularly young people and youth volunteers, in meeting the humanitarian needs of persons affected by disasters and in promoting disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation action at the community level, including nature-based solutions, encourages them to scale up their efforts in light of the evolving risks related to climate change, and encourages States to contribute resources to enable them to do so.

Impact: the project allows to involve different age groups and different community components by belonging to a "school community". This involvement generates an important multiplier effect of the knowledge imparted and the actions undertaken especially of the youngest.

Partner: Nicaraguan Red Cross

Challenges: socio-political and inter-institutional difficulties.

3. Tree Planting (Mali, Ghana, Guinea Bissau)

Contributing to IFRC programme in support to the National Societies of Ghana, Mali and Guinea Bissau in their efforts to adapt and mitigate climate change through reforestation and tree planting activities, in line with local government strategies. The partners, as auxiliaries of their respective governments, are engaged in the conservation and protection of the territory, in order to raise awareness on environmental policies and collective commitment against the effects of climate change.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: Leaving no one behind in disaster laws, policies, strategies and plans and in climate change adaptation plans, policies and contributions / Extending support and research.

Impact: IFRC and the National Societies involved are more committed to mitigate the effects of climate change and the promotion of more sustainable environmental practices, and the correct use of water and energy resources in their respective communities and in the Offices of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Partner: IFRC and Host NSs and their Local Authorities

4. PPRD 3 programme (Armenia, Bielorussia, Ucraina, Moldova, Georgia)

The 3rd phase of the EU-funded programme "Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made disasters in Eastern Partnership countries – phase 3 (PPRD East 3)" will contribute to enhanced disaster risk management in the region, enhancing cooperation between the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and civil protection actors in the Eastern Partnership countries as well as strengthening the ties between the Eastern Partnership countries.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: sharing models and guidelines and carry out assessment on involvement of CSOs in the above-mentioned countries in the disaster prevention

and response in the civil protection system// - work, in coordination with National Societies, to disseminate this resolution to appropriate stakeholders, including by bringing it to the attention of relevant international and regional organizations. sharing best practices through webinars.

Partner: Swedish Civil Protection, CIMA

Challenges: carry out the assessment through online meetings

5. Croatia and Albania: earthquakes in 2019-2020

Both countries were hit by earthquakes in 2019-2020 and their respective Red Cross National Societies intervened supporting the relief and recovery operations to support the population affected the emergency. Both emergency operations were included in the IFRC Emergency appeals. ItRC provided technical and financial support to both operations.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: financial and technical support during the relief operation and in NSD activity after the emergency (with IFRC coordination) continue to support National Societies and States in the field of disaster laws, including with respect to the areas of concern mentioned in this resolution (*), through technical assistance, capacity building, the development of tools, models and guidelines, advocacy, ongoing research and promotion of the sharing of experiences, techniques and best practices among countries.

Impact: NSs are better positioned and recognized actor at national level. Albanian Red Cross might be included in the AICS programme on the national reform on Civil Protection system in Albania

Partner: AICS, IFRC

6. Belarus 2019: Participation of ItRC experts in DM summer school of the Republic of Belarus

ItRC sent its experts in Civil protection and event mass management to conduct technical training sessions for the Belarus Red Cross and Belarusian civil protection members at the DM summer school of the Republic of Belarus.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: training RC staff and volunteers and local authorities in management of mass events //(with IFRC coordination) continue to support National Societies and States in the field of disaster laws, including with respect to the areas of concern mentioned in this resolution (*), through technical assistance, capacity building, the development of tools, models and guidelines, advocacy, ongoing research and promotion of the sharing of experiences, techniques and best practices among countries.

Impact: BRC better prepared in performing FA and DM activities in European Games held in Minsk

Partner: BRC

Challenges: language obstacles during the training courses

7. Webinars CRI on DM/IM: Western Balkans

ItRC experts conducted technical sessions (webinars) on Disaster Management and Information Management during covid-19 response to increase capacities and knowledge of Red Cross National Societies staff and volunteers in the Western Balkans.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: conducted webinars on DM sharing guidelines and good practices on disaster preparedness and response// (with IFRC coordination) continue to support National Societies and States in the field of disaster laws, including with respect to the areas of concern mentioned in this resolution (*), through technical assistance, capacity building, the development of tools, models and guidelines, advocacy, ongoing research and promotion of the sharing of experiences, techniques and best practices among countries.

Impact: RC National Societies staff in the Western Balkans increased their capacity on DM and IM and adopted their knowledge in their ongoing covid-19 response operations.

Partner: RC NS in the Balkans

Challenges: Online format did not allow a more factual exchange and practical simulations

8. Health response to covid-19: Ukraine

ItRC supported the Ukrainian Red Cross Society in better positioning itself in the Ukrainian National Health and Civil protection systems by sharing its best practices experienced in Italy on volunteering law, cooperation agreements with line Ministry in the health and civil protection sectors.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: provided information on ItRC role in the civil protection system and in the covid-19 response.// (with IFRC coordination) continue to support National Societies and States in the field of disaster laws, including with respect to the areas of concern mentioned in this resolution (*), through technical assistance, capacity building, the development of tools, models and guidelines, advocacy, ongoing research and promotion of the sharing of experiences, techniques and best practices among countries.

Impact: URCS proposed to be more engaged in the covid-19 response following ItRC indications and new roles and functions have assigned

Partner: IFRC, URCS

Challenges: Not all best practices can be applied in Ukraine due to different national legal framework.



9. ItRC observer member in NHF

Neighbours help first is a Red Cross network composed of RCRC National Societies in the Western Balkans and South-Eastern Europe which aims to mutually support each other in case of disaster or emergency. ItRC became observer members and offered its technical assistance to supports the Networks and its members.

Elements of the Resolution implemented: advocate for strengthening NHF (neighbours help first) in the Western Balkans. ItRC observer member//- (with IFRC coordination) continue to support National Societies and States in the field of disaster laws, including with respect to the areas of concern mentioned in this resolution (*), through technical assistance, capacity building, the development of tools, models and guidelines, advocacy, ongoing research and promotion of the sharing of experiences, techniques and best practices among countries.

Impact: NHF improved its capacities of coordination and management and its members gained new skills and knowledge.

Partner: RC NS in the western balkans

Challenges: Due to covid-19 it was not possible to offer meet each other in person and then practical simulations were not held.