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# INTRODUCTORY NOTES



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The reporting year 2005 presents the intensity and frequency of the actions and activities of Macedonian Red Cross, which were organized and implemented in the course of the year. The reporting period is characterized by several important segments of the functioning of our National Society.

The celebration of the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Macedonian Red Cross** represents a special event in the history and the operation of Macedonian Red Cross, which shows a successful continuity in the accomplishment of the mission of our national society. The numerous activities which were organized on that occasion proved that Macedonian Red Cross possesses human resources and technical capacities to implement all the tasks which will arise in front of us in the forthcoming period.

2005 was a final year of the implementation of the Development Plan of Macedonian Red Cross for the period 2002-2005. Thanks to the great efforts and work of the Macedonian Red Cross volunteers and staff, we adopted the Development Plan 2006-2010, which specifies the strategic directions for our future development until we accomplish our common goal, to become a well functioning national society.

2005 will be remembered as a year when we set the basis of our unified financial system, with introduction of participation fee as a basis for accumulation of funds which enabled the establishment of the Development Fund, which is aimed to support good and sustainable programmes and projects submitted by the RC branches for their further progress and development.

A major challenge for Macedonian Red Cross members was the passing of the revised text of the Macedonian Red Cross Law. The adoption of the amendments and additions represents overcoming the limitation factors and narrow framework for further development of the organization in the area of the organizational development and in the area of restructuring the forms for organizing and implementation of the actions and activities of Macedonian Red Cross.

In the course of the past year through regular activities implemented by Macedonian Red Cross as auxiliary to the state authorities in compliance with the Macedonian Red Cross Law, the national society made significant efforts for efficient implementation of all the projects. By means of amending and updating certain operating methods Macedonian Red Cross evidently improved its efficiency in the accomplishment of the objectives and tasks of the organization.

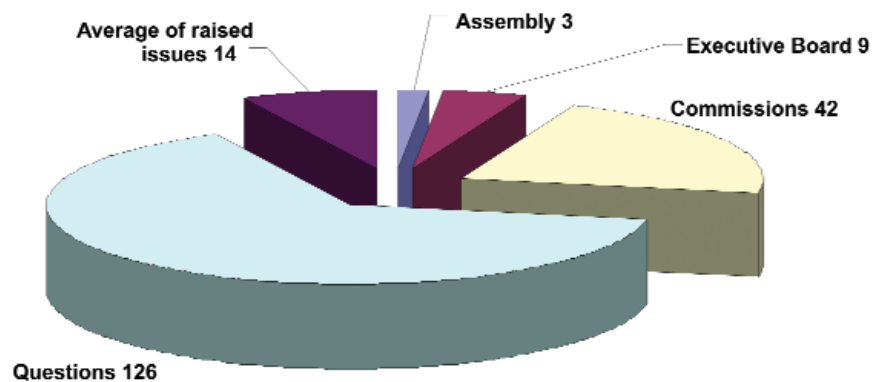
The expertise of the human resources was used for the regular and on time execution of the organizational and administrative-technical preparations and implementation of extensive and complex tasks, actions and activities during the reporting year.

We would like to express our satisfaction with the accomplished results in 2005 and in the same time to express gratitude to our members, volunteers, donors, friends and staff of Macedonian Red Cross, for their contribution and unselfish efforts in the process of the implementation of all actions and campaigns of Macedonian Red Cross.

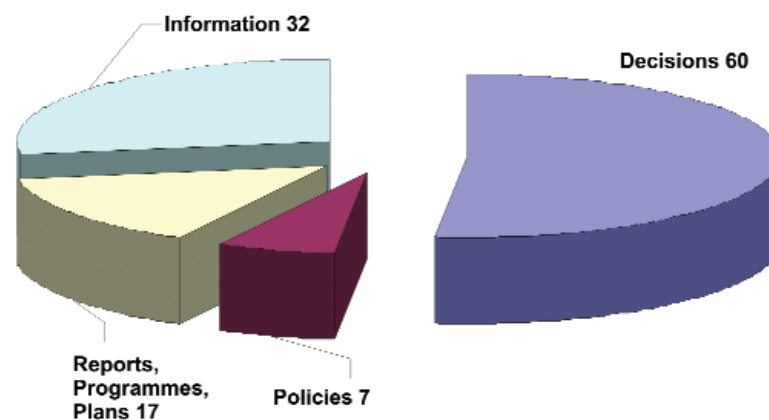


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*Number of adopted documents on Executive Board sessions*





# ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In the year of the celebration of the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Macedonian Red Cross foundation**, the national society implemented numerous activities in the area of organizational development.

During the reporting year the statutory bodies and the advisory bodies of the organization operated in compliance with the adopted programmes for operation. Macedonian Red Cross Assembly had 2 regular sessions and one extraordinary session. The Executive Board had 7 regular sessions and 2 extraordinary sessions. 126 issues were deliberated on the sessions which means that on each session an average of 14 issues were raised. The Executive Board of Macedonian Red Cross during the reporting year 2005 adopted and passed:

- 60 Decisions,
- 7 Policies,
- 17 Reports, Programmes and Plans,
- 32 Information.

The Advisory bodies of the Executive Board of Macedonian Red Cross actively participated in the preparations of the sessions. 42 sessions of the Advisory bodies (Commissions) were held in 2005.

Concrete measures and activities for efficient implementation of the adopted decisions and conclusions were initiated and undertaken on several occasions in the work of the organs on different and important issues.

The initiation of the functioning of the Development Fund must be emphasized. It represents an accomplishment of one of the ideas for further capacity building and financial sustainability and independence of Macedonian Red Cross.

With great efforts and work of the Macedonian Red Cross volunteers and staff, the Development Plan for the period 2006-2010 was adopted in 2005. The Development

Plan represents a starting point for building Macedonian Red Cross capacities in all areas of its operation.

A significant challenge for Macedonian Red Cross members was the adoption of the revised text of Macedonian Red Cross Law. For that purpose Macedonian Red Cross Executive Board established a working group which actively worked on the preparation of the text of the amendments to the Macedonian Red Cross Law. The text of the working version and the Draft text of the Macedonian Red Cross Law were proposed for public debate as working versions.

Macedonian Red Cross Assembly on its 3<sup>rd</sup> regular session held on December 26, 2005, passed a decision to initiate a procedure to make amendments and additions to text of the Macedonian Red Cross Law.

Regular follow up and coordination of the MRC branches and the City Red Cross of Skopje was provided in order to secure unity in the action, coordinated and synchronized operation of the organizational and constitutional parts of Macedonian Red Cross. For that purpose the Executive Board passed a decision for assigning its members to follow independently the work of each Red Cross branch.

During the year 5 working meetings were held with the secretaries of the MRC branches and the City Red Cross organization of Skopje and one meeting with the presidents of the RC branches and the City Red Cross of Skopje.

Within the capacity building programme of the national society, 21 workshops for MRC staff and volunteers were organized in 2005.



## ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

**Dissemination sessions** – The disseminators from the Macedonian Red Cross branches and the City Red Cross of Skopje had monthly dissemination sessions in the branches. The dissemination coordinator and a member of the Dissemination Commission made visits to several RC branches during the dissemination sessions.

**Workshops with disseminators** – Two one day workshops were held for disseminators who were initially trained in 2004, for purposes of upgrading their knowledge and skills and for defining future activities in this area. Representatives from ICRC attended these workshops and they had an opportunity to have immediate communications with the disseminators in regard to the accomplishment of the activities in their branches.

**Meeting with disseminators** – One day meeting was held for all disseminators trained since 1995. The meeting had a ceremonial character and it was held on December 23, on the occasion of the ceremonial opening of the Center for Dissemination and Communication of Macedonian Red Cross. This meeting marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dissemination training activities.

**Dissemination workshop “The Red Cross and IHL”** – Macedonian Red Cross in cooperation and supported by ICRC, organized a workshop with ten staff members from MRC HQ, in the Red Cross recreational and training centre in Struga in the period of 01-03 September, 2005. The participants gained knowledge with specific subjects from the International Humanitarian Law and the participants stressed the importance of introducing dissemination content in other RC programme areas.

**Centre for Dissemination and Communications** – The project for opening the Centre for dissemination and communication in MRC HQ is one of the positive steps within the dissemination activities of the national society. The Centre was ceremonially opened by the Prime Minister of RM, His Excellency Dr. Vladimir Buckovski.

**Separate project activities in the municipalities Cair ad Karpos** – The disseminators from the RC branches performed dissemination activities for the citizens of the communities Brest, Malino and Blace in the municipality Cair and for the community Radusa in the municipality Karpos. For the purposes of the project, the publication “Dissemination” in Albanian language was produced.

**Training of youth leaders of the Red Cross for Dissemination of IHL.** This project was implemented by the RC branch Veles with a primary purpose to train RC youth leaders for dissemination of IHL. The team that implemented the project in 2004, continued with the training of youth leaders for dissemination in the primary schools.

**Promotion of Human Values (PHV)** - The project continues to be implemented by the City Red Cross of Skopje, in cooperation with Macedonian Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

**Initiative for formation of Committee for implementation of the International Humanitarian Law** – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized meetings with representatives from other responsible ministries, institutions and Macedonian Red Cross and there is a positive attitude for the formation of this body and it is expected that the Government will pass an adequate decision in this regard.

**Celebration of the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.** The World Red Cross Red Crescent Day was marked under the slogan “Protecting human dignity”. For this purpose a poster, flier and lecture for schools were produced. The book “Memories of Solferino” was promoted in Macedonian language.

**Printing and promotion of materials** – For the needs of the Dissemination and Communications Centre the following info material was produced: the strip “A story of an idea” was printed in Macedonia, Albanian, Serbian and Roma language as well as a DVD –CD with the same strip in Macedonian and Albanian language and a promotional flier. The publication of the Danish Red Cross “Manual for Practical Implementation of the International Humanitarian Law” was translated in Macedonian and Albanian language.

**Evaluation of the dissemination programme** – Macedonian Red Cross and ICRC team implemented a joint project, that is, evaluation of the Programme for dissemination and promotion of IHL and the Fundamental Principles for the period of 2002-2005. A report will be prepared on basis of the content of the evaluation and it will be presented to Macedonian Red Cross branches. The results of the evaluation will form the basis for the future strategy of Macedonian Red Cross in regard to the development of the dissemination.

**Working meetings** – Working meetings and contacts were held with the representatives of ICRC for planning purposes and for providing support for concrete activities. In the year when Macedonian Red Cross is marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation, we can freely say that most of the dissemination activities were within the frames of marking of this anniversary as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the recognition of Macedonian Red Cross by the ICRC and the full-fledged membership in the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.





*Macedonian Red Cross disseminators*

*The President of the Government of Republic of Macedonia visited Macedonian Red Cross*





**Macedonian Red Cross activities in the area of health care were implemented in compliance with the annual plan of action and the calendar of activities. Besides the regular activities another 8 projects were implemented, being financed by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies –Norwegian Red Cross and other donors (Project Hope) being as follows:**

- Project for prevention of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups – implemented in 6 RC branches- donor, Project Hope;
- Project for prevention of drugs in elementary schools (with Skopje RC branches) – donor, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- Project for harm reduction from drugs – donor, Italian Red Cross, in coordination with International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- Project for work in remote border areas (with RC branch Cair and Karpos) – donor ICRC;
- Project for health education, peer education about drugs and STI – donor, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- Project for capacity building – marking the traditional weeks for fight against cancer, TB and AIDS – donor, Norwegian Red Cross;
- Project for capacity building for prevention of HIV/AIDS – donor Norwegian Red Cross;
- Project for marking the week for fight against AIDS - donor, Norwegian Red Cross.

### PREVENTION OF CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASES

On 28.02.05 Macedonian Red Cross marked the traditional Week for fight against cardio vascular diseases under the slogan “The health of your heart depends on you”.

The course “With education to achieve better health for the Roma” was organized in the period of 15-17.06, by the Institute for social medicine and IOM, presenting lectures about cardio vascular and blood vessel diseases.

### PREVENTION OF MALIGNANT DISEASES

The week for fight against cancer was marked under the slogan “Walking towards good health – don’t smoke. A poster was printed (in Macedonian and Albanian language), brochure about cancer and smoking, stickers, as well as a lecture for the educational institutions. The info material was distributed to Macedonian Red Cross branches. During the week, Macedonian post office promoted a new additional post stamp marking the week. The media received RC prepared announcement for the marking of the week against cancer.

The most human nurses were also selected and



the winners of the awards received them on the central event organized on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Macedonian Red Cross..

### PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

Macedonian Red Cross marked the week for fight against Tuberculosis in the period of September 14-21.

The annual European Conference for HIV AIDS and Tuberculosis (ERNA) was held in the period of September 16-21. Representatives from 31 national societies participated on the Conference.

Macedonian Red Cross participated in the preparations of the application of the Ministry of Health for the project for Tuberculosis submitted to the Global Fund in Switzerland.

### PREVENTION OF ADDICTION DISEASES

#### Primary prevention

Macedonian Red Cross in cooperation with the NGO Contact, organized a seminar for prevention of addiction diseases for MRC branches Cair and Gazi Baba in the period of January 22-23, 05. Such seminar was organized for the other RC branches from Skopje one month earlier.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies- Regional Delegation Budapest supported a project for prevention of drug usage, targeted for primary schools. The project was finalized in November 2005. In January a brochure on drugs was printed in Macedonian and Albanian language in frames of the project for drugs, financed by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – RD Budapest. A manual for prevention of drugs – peer education. The seminar was organized for students from Skopje branches.

### Project for harm reduction from drugs

At the end of January, a MoU was signed with International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for implementation of a Project for harm reduction from drugs.

The Federation manual for harm reduction from drugs was translated. 3 seminars for RC staff and employees were held, two seminars for journalists, and one three-day seminar for students on harm reduction from drugs. The seminars were held in cooperation with the Psychiatric Hospital, the National coordinator for drugs and NGO’s working on harm reduction. 8000 needles and syringes were provided to the ZD Skopje and IMP. A brochure for safe injection was also produced.

### PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS

#### Project for peer education

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – RD Budapest supported the implementation of Macedonian Red Cross project for peer education related to drugs, AIDS and other STI. The project will last until January 2006. This year, two three-day workshops were organized – one for doctors and one for peer educators.





# HEALTH PREVENTIVE AND HUMANITARIAN CARE



## Project for capacity building for prevention of HIV / AIDS

Within the capacity building project for prevention of HIV/AIDS, a brochure on AIDS was prepared. 3 three day workshops were organized for youth peer educators. Several AIDS advisors (involved in the Project Hope) participated as facilitators on the trainings as well as a peer educator from the NGO HERA. The workshops were financed by the Norwegian Red Cross.

Condoms were provided and distributed to Macedonian Red Cross branches (project for health education and prevention of drugs and STI).

### Capacity Building Project

Within the Capacity building project posters and bookmarkers on AIDS were produced for marking the week for fight against AIDS.

### Project for Week for fight against AIDS – support to MRC branches

A project was prepared for marking the week for fight against AIDS. The project was approved and financed by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – RD Budapest. Within this project, funds were provided for organizing different activities in 12 MRC branches during the week for fight against AIDS.

### Project Hope

In September 2005, the annual project for prevention of AIDS among certain target groups was finalized. The Project included the RC branches from Veles, Kavadarci, Prilep, Bitola, Ohrid and Strumica. The target groups were transport workers and commercial sexual workers. Presentations were organized in rural areas, schools, NGO's and daily counseling was provided in the RC branches.

A project was prepared for continuation of the project for HIV/AIDS with Partnership for health. The project was approved and is implemented in 6 RC branches (Veles, Kavadarci, Prilep, Ohrid, Bitola and Strumica) for the period November 2005 – January 2006.

3 members of the team participated on the workshop for human resources and volunteer management held in Skopje in the period of February 14-15, 2005 in Skopje.

Two Macedonian Red Cross employees participated on the workshop for project financing in Belgrade.

### PREVENTION OF DIABETES

On the occasion of the Week for prevention of diabetes a lecture was prepared and distributed to Macedonian Red Cross branches.

### DENTAL PROTECTION

A lecture was prepared for dental illnesses and it was distributed to Macedonian Red Cross branches to be used during the week for dental protection.

### PREVENTION OF INFECTIVE DISEASES

Macedonian Red Cross participated in the preventive activities related to the bird flu. The brochure for bird flu (prepared by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) was translated and distributed to MRC branches.

Contacts were established with the Ministry of Health for participation of Macedonian Red Cross in the prevention of the bird flu.

# BLOOD DONATION



**MACEDONIAN  
RED CROSS IN 2005  
ACCOMPLISHED  
SUCCESSFUL RESULTS IN  
THE AREA OF VOLUNTARY  
BLOOD DONATION IN  
REPUBLIC OF  
MACEDONIA**

With 53.089 realized blood donations, the planned obligation was achieved with 90.97%. The results in the area of blood donation in 2005 compared to the ones in 2004 are lower for 1.635 blood units or for 2.99%.

11.283 blood units were collected in the capital Skopje in 2005 and the plan was achieved with 68.98% and compared to last years results, it is better for 26 blood units.

Four Macedonian Red Cross branches accomplished the plan for blood donation in 2005 under 50%.

The planned obligations were accomplished in 22 Macedonian Red Cross branches.

Better results in 2005 compared to 2004 can be seen in the Macedonian Red Cross branches: Makedonski Brod, Gostivar, Delcevo, Kumanovo, Struga, Tetovo, Stip and Centar while lower results are detected in Valandovo, Vinica, Debar, Kavadarci, Kratovo Kriva Palanka, Krusevo, Sveti Nikole, Strumica, Kisela Voda and Cair.

In 2005, the Department for transfusion medicine at the Military Hospital in Skopje collected a total of 3534 blood units and compared to 2004 when 3776 blood units were collected, the results are lower for 242 collected blood units.

In 2005 on a recommendation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest, our national society established contacts with the Albanian Red Cross in order to provide assistance for development and motivation of the voluntary blood donation in Albania. The cooperation was regulated with a signed memorandum of understanding between the two national societies. On April 21 and 22, 2005 our expert team made a preparatory visit to Tirana and in the period of 19 – 21 May 2005, a seminar was held in Struga for education of 20 persons from the Albanian Red Cross, for motivation in the area of blood donation.

The central event on the occasion of the celebration of the 17<sup>th</sup> of March – the blood donation day was on June 14<sup>th</sup>, on the World blood donation day. In cooperation with the Institute for transfusion, a programme was prepared for organizing and promotion of the blood donation in the Republic of Macedonia for 2005, with financial structure.

During May 2005, all MRC branches received jubilee certificates for 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75, and 100<sup>th</sup> blood donations. The world blood donation day – June 14, 2005, was marked under the slogan “Celebrating your donated blood” with many different activities. The Minister of Health of the Government of Republic of Macedonia, Prof. Dr. Vlado Dimov organized a reception for the best blood donors from all Macedonian Red Cross branches.

A blood donation action was organized in tents on the open in the city park in Skopje, where 160 people donated blood. On that occasion a big musical happening was organized in cooperation with the Macedonian Television and the Macedonian Radio. The present were addressed by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Ratka Kulan Zografska.



The President of Macedonian Red Cross, PhD. Jovan Damjanovski awarded the three best MRC branches in the area of blood donation, RC Vinica, RC Krusevo and RC Stip, with graph scope for the accomplished results in 2004.

In March, April, October and November 2005, blood donation actions and lectures were organized in all high schools and faculties in the Republic of Macedonia.

In the summer months of July and August 2005, the RC branches in cooperation with the National Institute for transfusion and the transfusion units in Macedonia implemented all the planned activities in the area of blood donation foreseen with the National Programme for organizing and promotion of the blood donation in Macedonia.

Besides the regular actions, extraordinary, traditional and solidarity actions were organized during the summer. This summer, there were no gifts for the blood donors.

In October 2005 a working material was prepared on the following topic: "Analysis of the situation of the blood donation in the Republic of Macedonia in the period of 1998 – 2005 and proposed measures for improvements". This material was discussed and adopted by the members of the Commission for development and promotion of the blood donation and was submitted within the Draft Programme for organizing and promotion of the blood donation in Macedonia for 2006.

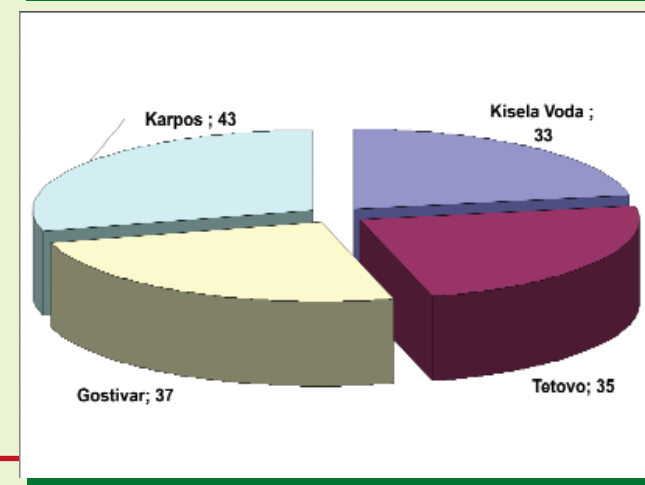
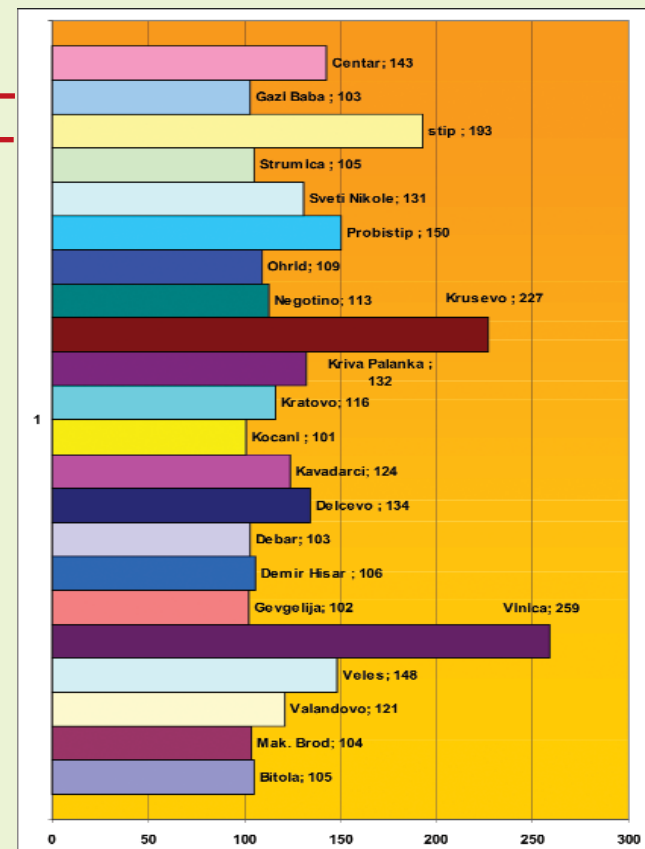
The total amount of the funds for 2005 foreseen with the Programme for organizing and promotion of the blood donation in Macedonia on basis of realized number of blood donations, was transferred by the Ministry of Health to Macedonian Red Cross.

The cooperation with the National Institute for transfusion and the transfusion units was very good in the course of 2005.

The accomplishing of these results which deserve respect in the country and in the neighborhood would not have been possible without the enormous efforts of the staff and volunteers and the application of new forms and methods with different target groups and provision of safe blood.

### OVERVIEW OF BLOOD DONATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA IN 2005

RC branch	Plan	Realized 2005	Realized 2004			▲▼
Berovo	594	469	78.95	460	77.44	▲
Bitola	3246	3414	105.17	3670	113.06	▼
Mak. Brod	360	375	104.17	268	74.44	▲
Valandovo	363	439	120.94	597	164.46	▼
Veles	1973	2911	147.54	3054	154.79	▼
Vinica	572	1483	259.26	1784	311.89	▼
Gevgelija	1044	1062	101.72	1111	106.42	▼
Gostivar	3293	1231	37.38	1065	32.34	▲
Demir Hisar	318	337	105.97	341	107.23	▼
Debar	714	735	102.94	802	112.32	▼
Delcevo	774	1034	133.59	949	122.61	▲
Kavadarci	1258	1564	124.32	1850	147.06	▼
Kicevo	1559	821	52.66	917	58.82	▼
Kocani	1440	1461	101.46	1616	112.22	▼
Kratovo	327	378	115.60	553	169.11	▼
Kriva Palanka	753	991	131.61	1093	145.15	▼
Krusevo	358	812	226.82	931	260.06	▲
Kumanovo	3834	2151	59.85	1893	49.37	▼
Negotino	694	784	112.97	791	113.98	▼
Ohrid	1823	1979	108.56	2061	113.05	▼
Prilep	2824	2778	98.37	2768	98.02	▲
Probistip	500	750	150.00	749	149.80	▲
Radovis	915	608	66.45	706	77.16	▼
Resen	530	276	52.07	313	59.05	▼
Sveti Nikole	643	844	131.26	948	147.43	▼
Struga	1879	976	51.94	868	46.19	▲
Strumica	2730	2865	104.94	3337	122.23	▼
Tetovo	5164	1805	34.95	1594	30.87	▲
Stip	1521	2939	193.23	2602	171.07	▲
Gazi Baba	3007	3091	102.79	3037	101.00	▲
Karpos	3824	1653	43.23	1761	46.05	▼
Kisela Voda	4402	1453	33.01	1676	38.07	▼
Centar	2551	3652	143.16	3172	124.34	▲
Cair	2572	1434	55.75	1611	62.64	▼
Total Skopje	16356	11.283	68.98	11.257	68.82	▲
Total Military hosp.	3534		3776			
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.359</b>	<b>53.089</b>	<b>90.97</b>	<b>54.724</b>	<b>93.77</b>	



# FIRST AID

## Marking of the World First Aid Day

Main emphasis in the marking of the World First Aid Day was shown on the most vulnerable categories of population. The recommendations of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for marking the world FA Day were translated and sent to the branches. The events were organized by the RC branches and the central event was organized in Skopje by the City Red Cross of Skopje in cooperation with the RC branches from Skopje.

The branches also organized many activities (lectures in prisons, institutions for people with special needs, refugees, schools, etc.). A brochure was printed and distributed, containing information about urgent needs, as well as a flier which was distributed with the daily newspapers.

## Fist Aid competitions

The presidents of the RC branch first aid commissions attended one day workshop on April 15, 2005, where they were presented with education material and revised scoring lists passed by the national FA commission. New scoring lists were prepared for the competitions and they were sent to the Macedonian Red Cross branches. A commercial presentation of the AMBY reanimation mannequin, as well as other educative material for the first aid courses was done by the representative AMBU.

The first regional competition was held in Gevgelija. 10 teams from Gevgelija, Veles, Stip, Strumica and Valandovo participated on the competition.

The second competition was organized in the primary school "Goce Delcev in Demir Hisar. 13 teams from Prilep, Demir Hisar, Bitola, Kavadarci, Resen and Negotino participated in the two categories and Krusevo participated with one team in the competition.

The third competition was held in the primary school "Mosa Pijade" in Tetovo. 11 teams from Gostivar, Ohrid, Kicevo, Tetovo and Struga participated in two categories and Makedonski Brod participated with one team.

The host of the regional meeting in Skopje was the City Red Cross organization of Skopje. The competition was organized in the Training Centre "Dare Bombol" on Vodno. All five RC branches from Skopje participated in the competition.

The last regional competition was organized in Sveti Nikole. 10 teams participated in the competition. Probstip, Kumanovo and Kriva Palanka participated in both categories, Sveti Nikole took part in the competition with a junior youth team, while Kocani, Delcevo and Vinica took part in the competition with youth teams.

The state competition was held in the City park in Skopje on June 6, 2005. The Macedonian National Television announced the competitions for several days before the event. Two days after the state competition, the winning team from 2004 which was about to participate on the European First Aid competition FACE in Slovakia, was introduced in an educational show broadcasted on the Macedonian National Television.

FACE - the European First Aid competition was held in Svidnik, Slovakia in the period of June 30 - July 3, 2005. Macedonian Red Cross was represented by the first aid team from RC Kisela Voda, which won the last year's competition.

## Education

A new concept for promotion of the first aid was developed. Two training seminars for doctors - first aid educators were held in December.

Cooperation was established with the Skopje Brewery for organizing first aid training for Skopje Brewery employees. Skopje Brewery was one of the sponsors of the first aid competitions.

Cooperation was also established with the Skopje cement factory "Usje" where first aid training courses were held for the factory employees.

First Aid lectures for employees were held in the Museum of Macedonia.

## Cooperation with government institutions

Cooperation was established with the Road Safety Council from the Ministry of Interior. New suggestions were submitted to their programme with a possibility for implementation of joint activities in the area of first aid.

Macedonian Red Cross has foreseen first aid activities within the regulations for rescue services.

## International cooperation

The President of the First Aid Commission, dr Tankica Piperkova, participated on the annual assembly in Luxemburg in the period of October 6-8, 2005.



# FROM THE FIRST AID COMPETITIONS



*Regional first aid competition on Vodno mountain*



# SOCIAL WELFARE

**The programme activities targeted for support and care for socially vulnerable people were continuously implemented throughout the year. The organized humanitarian and solidarity actions and activities had also educational character besides the primary purpose of provision of material assistance.**

During February, the German Red Cross branch Baden-Wuerttemberg provided humanitarian assistance composed of hospital beds, wheelchairs, toilet mobile chairs, bed sheets, toys and other items amounting to 25.350 Euros. The assistance was distributed to medical and social institutions.

In March, a second shipment of humanitarian assistance was received by the German Red Cross branch Baden-Wuerttemberg with a total value of 64.000 Euros. This donation was composed of 4896 pieces of autumn jackets, 11 parcels with shoes and uniforms. The assistance was distributed to social cases through the Macedonian Red Cross branches.

During March, 2005, a third shipment of humanitarian assistance was received by the German Red Cross branch Baden-Wuerttemberg with a total value of 29.500 Euros. The assistance was composed of hospital beds, wheelchairs, autumn female jackets, medical equipment, etc. This donation was distributed to medical and social institutions.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Office Belgrade, organized a meeting on Roma population in the period of March 21 - 22, 2005. The meeting was organized by IFRC – Budapest and two Macedonian Red Cross representatives participated on the event. The purpose of the meeting was to set future directions for operation of the national societies within the Decade of Roma population 2005-2015 set forward by the European Union.

Macedonian Red Cross during April, 2005, through the MRC branches, distributed humanitarian

assistance for internally displaced persons (145 families sheltered in host families). The assistance was provided by the Bureau for stock reserves. This activity was coordinated by the Ministry of Labor and social policy which is responsible for maintaining records for registered IDP's.

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, one Macedonian Red Cross representative participated on the meeting of the working group for preparation of the Plan of Action for providing assistance to elderly established by the Association of third life age in cooperation with Help Age International.

In the period of June 1-7, many programme activities were organized for marking the Week of solidarity under the slogan "promote solidarity – help". For that purpose, a lecture for students was prepared, posters, fliers and stickers for organizing solidarity actions. A TV spot was prepared in cooperation with the Macedonian TV and it was broadcasted on many TV channels nationwide. During the week, a collection action was organized and according to the data received from Macedonian Red Cross branches the collected goods were as follows: 11.833 kg. food, 12,490 kg clothing, 906 pairs of shoes, 140 kg. hygiene material and 150 kg. bed sheets. The collected money from the stickers amounted to 46.078 MKD.

The Bureau for stock reserves donated 6.700 kg canned food in June, 2005 and the donation was distributed to social cases in Skopje.

The forth shipment of humanitarian assistance was received by the German Red Cross branch Baden-Wuerttemberg in July, 2005 with a total value of 36.000 Euros. The assistance was composed of electric beds, computers, wheelchairs, walking aids, etc., targeted for social, educational and medical institutions. This assistance, this time was accompanied by the representatives of the Red Cross branch Baden-Wuerttemberg, Mrs. Lotte







**DURING 2005, MACEDONIAN RED CROSS, IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL WELFARE, ORGANIZED ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE AIMED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE POPULATION IN OUR COUNTRY. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WERE IMPLEMENTED FOR PROMOTION OF OPERATING METHODOLOGY FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED IN THIS AREA IN MACEDONIAN RED CROSS BRANCHES.**

*Distribution of humanitarian assistance in Veles*





Mueller and Mr. Hans Miller, proved Macedonian Red Cross friends and honorable members of our organization who visited Macedonian Red Cross in the period July 7-10, 2005.

The second double distribution of humanitarian assistance for IDP's sheltered in host families was made during the month of June. The humanitarian assistance, via the Ministry of labor and social policy was provided by the Bureau for stock reserves and it was composed of family food parcels. Macedonian Red Cross through the RC branches in Skopje and Kumanovo distributed assistance to 113 families.

Two training workshops for Psychological support of staff and volunteers were organized in the Red Cross Training Centre in Struga in the period of 16-18 September and 23-25 September, 2005. This activity was supported by the capacity building project funded by the Norwegian Red Cross and coordinated by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest.

Macedonian Red Cross implemented the Hunger Day Campaign (16 October) for the third time this year with several activities. The campaign was coordinated and supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest. Under the Slogan "Think about us too" many humanitarian activities were organized throughout the country in the period of October 16-23, 2005. For purposes of the campaign, a TV spot was produced and it was broadcasted free of charge by the TV stations. Posters, fliers and vouchers were also produced for the campaign. Within the campaign activities a mobile telephone line was activated – donation of the Mobimak Foundation. This activity raised 20.600MKD. The distributed vouchers raised 932.814 MKD. During the campaign, the following assistance was collected: 13.835 kg. food, 8.833 kg. clothing, 649 pairs of shoes and 855 kg. hygiene material. The assistance was distributed to social cases and social institutions through the Macedonian Red Cross branches.

The German Red Cross branch Ortswerein donated humanitarian assistance composed of wheelchairs, clothing school utensils and other items amounting 6.246

Euros. The assistance was targeted for educational, medical and social institutions.

The traditional week for caring for elderly was marked in the period of November 14 – 20, 2005, under the slogan "Nice words help too". Lecture, posters and fliers and stickers were prepared for this week.

A workshop for support and assistance to elderly was organized in the home for elderly "Mother Theresa" on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2005. The participants on the workshop were students from the Institute for social welfare and social policy. Macedonian Red Cross provided material assistance for the home of elderly "Mother Theresa".

The fifth shipment of the German Red Cross branch Baden-Wuerttemberg was received in November and the value of the shipment was 29.500 Euros. The assistance was composed of electric beds, wheelchairs, etc. The assistance was distributed to social and medical institutions.

On the occasion of New Year holidays, Macedonian Red Cross HQ and the City Red Cross of Skopje, in cooperation with the Mobimak Foundation organized a visit to a theater play for 200 children from social case families and they received New Year's gifts.



# PARTICIPATORY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Macedonian Red Cross supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest, continuously implemented the Project “Participatory Community Development” (PCD) in 2005. The Executive Board of MRC passed a decision to extend the Project in four new RC branches being as follows: Kicevo, Valandovo, Radovis and Demir Hisar.

According to the plan of action, PCD teams were formed and vulnerable communities were determined in January. During February, four workshops for training of PCD teams for participatory rapid appraisal were held. The field work was done in March which resulted with preparation of a situation analysis of the vulnerable population and the problems and needs that they are faced with in their local communities.

Four large group workshops were held in April in order to determine the priority needs of the vulnerable population and to explore the possibilities for implementation of a project within the PCD frames.

As a result of the continuous activities which lasted for several months, four micro projects were prepared and approved and they were implemented in the period of July – October 2005, in the following communities:

- Youth educational club in “Bela Kula”, Kicevo;
- Participatory Community development in “Maala”, Valandovo;
- Social club in the community “Suvodol – Demir Hisar;
- Training of illiterate persons in the community “Sain Maale”, Radovis.

Ms. Maire Saugestad, consultant from the International Department of the Norwegian Red Cross which is funding the PCD project, visited Macedonian Red Cross in March 2005. Within the programme of her visit she was briefed about the PCD project activities and she visited MRC branch Kicevo which was involved in the implementation of this project.

Macedonian Red Cross was the host of the meeting of the PCD and health coordinators from the neighboring national societies. The meeting was held in the period of July 6 – 10, 2005 in the Macedonian Red Cross recreational and training Centre in Struga. The meeting was organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest. MRC PCD coordinator had a presentation about the Health and PCD programme in Macedonia.

In order to evaluate the success of the implemented activities of the PCD project, an evaluation was made by the PCD teams, the national PCD coordinator. An outside expert was also involved, that is, a professor from the Institute for social work and social policy who was the main responsible person for preparation of the evaluation.

With a decision of the MRC Executive Board, three new RC branches were involved in the PCD Project: RC Karpos, RC Tetovo and RC Kavadarci. Two meetings were held on which the new branches were instructed how to implement the foreseen activities and for this purpose they were provided with the necessary materials and manuals in order to implement the programme successfully.

In the period of December 5-9, a PCD training workshop was held in Sarajevo for the needs of the national society of the Red Cross of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The organizer of the meeting was the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest. The facilitators on the workshop were the PCD coordinators from Macedonian Red Cross and the Red Cross of Serbia and Montenegro.







# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

*An exercise of the Emergency Response Unit on the "Stone Bridge" in Skopje*



Many local and international activities in the area of disaster preparedness and response were being performed in the course of 2005.

Our staff and volunteers were engaged during the floods in Tetovo, Kumano, Strumica, Valandovo and Gevgelija and they provided assistance and support for the fire affected buildings in Skopje.

For purposes of decreasing the consequences from the disastrous flood in Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia and Montenegro, our experts were used in the process of making the assessment of the situation and the needs of the affected population. Ali Samet (RDRT member) and Oliver Gicevski (international instructor) were sent on a request received by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Our representatives participated on the exercises organized by the Direction for protection and rescue, the Ministry of Defense of RM and other GO's and NGO's.

The International Committee of the Red Cross supported the organizing of one day seminars in Macedonian Red Cross branches on which besides RC representatives, participants from the following institutions took part: Local self-government units, Ministry of defense, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Direction for Protection and Rescue and other associations of citizens which have certain roles related to disaster preparedness and response.

Macedonian Red Cross presented its DM capacities on these seminars and offered cooperation on partnership basis, in the interest of the citizens. Macedonian Red Cross prepared a Manual for disaster preparedness and response for the purposes of the seminars.

Ali Samet and Oliver Gicevski were invited by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to participate as facilitators on the seminar for national societies from Central Europe, presenting their experiences from the missions in the Tsunami affected countries, and about preparations of a plan of action on a level of the Balkan states. The seminar was held in Sarajevo in the period of April 3-5.

Two Macedonian Red Cross representatives (Ljupka Petkovka and Valentina Koleska) participated on the RDRT seminar held in Lozen, Bulgaria in the period of June 10-20. Ali Samet was invited as facilitator.

For the purposes of the Regional Disaster Response Team, a seminar was held in Nis, Serbia and Montenegro, in the period of November 10-13. The main topic was assessment of risks. Ali Samet was the supervisor of the leader group that prepared the simulation of the management of a tent camp.

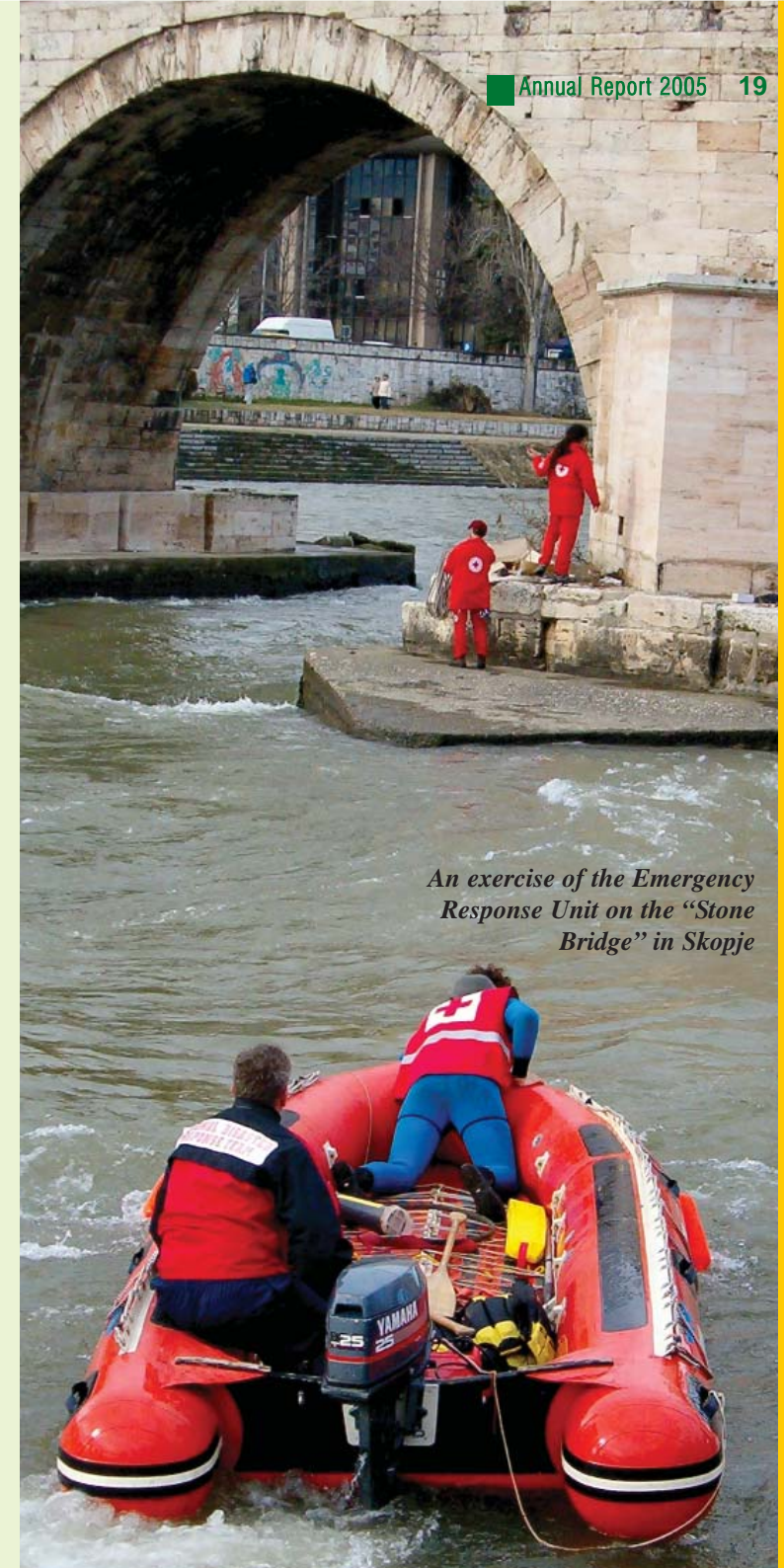
Within the scope of the DM activities in Macedonia, the efforts of the staff and volunteers were targeted for securing proper role within the state system with the new law for crisis management. The President of the Commission for Disaster Preparedness and Responses, Dimitar Domazetovski participated in the work of the working groups in the Direction for protection and rescue in the process of the preparations of different regulations.

With our participation on the youth camp for "Friendship without borders" as facilitators, we promoted the idea for providing education to students in the area of disaster preparedness. This youth camp was supported by the Norwegian Red Cross. As a result of this initiative a project is prepared for 2006, on basis of which the Red Cross will make the initial steps in the area of providing disaster preparedness training for high school students.

In this period the ERU was dislocated in Momin Potok.

The mountain rescue team held the first course for mountain rescuers in the region of Matka in the period of 9-16 September. The programme for this seven- day course was prepared in cooperation with the Mountain Rescue Service of the Bulgarian Red Cross.

All the activities were constantly covered by the media which significantly contributed for raising of the Macedonian Red Cross image in the eyes of the general public, state authorities and the organs of the local-self government units. The cooperation with the above institutions must be intensified in the interest of the vulnerable population.



*An exercise of the Emergency Response Unit on the "Stone Bridge" in Skopje*



# Macedonian Red Cross as a donor society

## Appeal for support for the affected population from the Tsunamis

After the announcement of the news about the devastating earthquake that struck South East Asia on 26.12.2004, Macedonian Red Cross launched an appeal for raising funds on its bank account of the Solidarity Fund.

The MRC HQ, the City Red Cross of Skopje and the MRC branches immediately contributed 663.655 Macedonian Denars (hereinafter mkd). Several pharmaceutical companies also responded to the appeal donating assistance in medicaments. On January 4, 2005 in cooperation with the company "Mobimak" a telephone line was activated and with the dialing on this number 376.300 mkd were raised.

Other humanitarian activities organized in response to the launched Appeal were as follows: the humanitarian concert on the City square in Skopje organized by a group of citizens and the auction of personal belongings of famous Macedonian artists; the joint telephone line opened on January 15, 2005 by "Macedonian Telecommunications", "Mobimak" and "Cosmofon" on which each call from the citizens was charged 50 mkd as contribution to the Solidarity Fund.

Besides cash contributions, many companies provided donations in kind mainly food and clothing.

Because of the seriousness of the situation and the role of a leading agency of Macedonian Red Cross in the process of the collection of humanitarian assistance in Macedonia, the Executive Board of MRC held an extraordinary session on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in

order to coordinate the activities in the MRC HQ, the City Red Cross organization of Skopje and the RC branches in regard to the launched appeal. It is important to stress that Macedonian Red Cross followed all the recommendations and the instructions of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in regard to the Launched Appeal of the Federation. For this purpose a telephone conference was organized by the Federation Secretariat in Geneva on January 12, 2005 with all NS from the Central European Region, to discuss the activities of the national societies in regard to the Appeal. The conclusion from the telephone conference was that the humanitarian assistance for the affected population should be in cash since the transport of humanitarian assistance in kind would cost a lot of money.

Macedonian Red Cross offered its human and material resources to the Regional Delegation of the Federation in Budapest being as follows: Water Purification Station with capacity of 120.000 liters of drinking water / 24 hours, accompanied with a trained personnel;

Emergency Response Unit with 3 teams: 2 rescue teams for urban rescue operations and one water safety unit with the necessary equipment; 2 medical teams composed of 5 people each.

In the period of January 18 to April 20, 2005, 3 Wat/San teams of Macedonian Red Cross participated in missions in Banda Ache - Indonesia providing drinking water for the affected population from the Tsunamis. One MRC representative is still on mission in Indonesia.

In regard to all the activities of Macedonian Red Cross related with the Tsunami operations, our society had regular contacts with the media in Macedonia, informing them about the received cash and material contributions.

Since the very beginning of the operation our society was included in the coordinative body of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for providing support for the affected regions in South East Asia, being represented by the Secretary General and the Vice President of MRC.

The humanitarian assistance in kind composed of food, hygiene material and medicaments was sent by ship to Colombo, Sri Lanka in frames of the humanitarian convoy sent by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

The collected financial funds amounting to 188.000 CHF were transferred to the International Federation on March 4, 2005 as contribution of Macedonian Red Cross to the Asia Earthquake and Tsunamis Appeal 28/2004 for the affected population.





# YOUTH RED CROSS

**During 2005, a youth coordinator was hired – who is responsible to respond to all the needs and issues related to the youth rights, functional set up, programme objectives and tasks, implementation of projects and activities and capacity building.**

Besides the participation in the Macedonian Red Cross traditional activities, the biggest priority of the youth was preparation of a new system of functioning which will contribute for recruitment of new volunteers motivated to actively participate in the implementation of Macedonian Red Cross activities on all levels. For that purpose a manual for work with RC youth was printed at the end of the year.

In compliance with Macedonian Red Cross plan of action for 2005, the youth from the RC branches implemented numerous activities proving that they are the moving force of the Movement.

In this period a special attention was focused on the international cooperation. On invitations from different national societies Macedonian Red Cross youth participated on several international youth camps and seminars.

European Coordination Committee (ECC)– ECC held its regular election assembly in Vienna, Austria in April, 2005. Vesna Andonovska, President of Macedonian Red Cross Youth was elected to represent MRC in the seven-member commission.

7 Macedonian Red Cross youth representatives participated on the International youth camp in Munich, Germany in the period of May 21-29. The main topics of the camp were the youth and media and violence and media.

In the period of July 8 – 25, 4 Macedonian Red Cross youth representatives participated on the International youth camp in Langlois, Austria. The topics discussed on the camp were Strategy 2010 of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the youth programmes that are implemented by the national societies participating on the camp.

One Macedonian Red Cross youth representative participated on the International youth camp in Notvile, Switzerland in the period of July 23 – 30. The main topics on the camp were water safety activities.

In the period of August 21 – 28, 2005, the 8<sup>th</sup> International youth camp “Friendship without borders” was organized in the Recreation and training centre in Struga. The camp was organized with financial support of the Norwegian Red Cross. 36 representatives from 5 national societies participated on the camp. The main topics discussed during the camp were Strategy 2010 of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the youth programmes of the national societies participating on the camp and communications and communication techniques.

In the period of August 28 to September 3, 2005, the 2nd International youth camp “Let’s be one and work together” was organized in the Recreation and training centre in Struga. 29 representatives from 3 national societies participated on the camp. The main topics of the camp were youth and media and leadership in the Red Cross. The results of this camp could be seen immediately. As a result of the successfully organized camp in October 2005, contacts were made with the Finnish Red Cross and discussions were initiated for a possible joint project in 2006 or 2007. For that purpose two study visits were planned. The first one was made in Macedonia in the period of December 16-20, 2005. The visit in Finland will be in February 2006 and if there is a common interest a joint project will be prepared.

*The youth in action.  
Sale of Christmas  
cards in the  
shopping centre  
Ramstore.*



# INFORMATION AND PUBLICATION

The past year is characterized with numerous activities in the area of information and communications of Macedonian Red Cross.

In the year when we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Macedonian Red Cross, all activities in the course of the year were directed towards presentation of our organization to the general public. The national celebration on the occasion of March 17<sup>th</sup> was divided in two parts. The ceremonial session of the Macedonian Red Cross Assembly was held in the "Army House" and the Ceremonial Academy was held in the ceremonial hall of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

On that occasion volunteers, organizations, national societies, government institutions and individuals received jubilee plaques. The patron of the jubilee was the President of the Republic of Macedonia, His Excellency Branko Crvenkovski. The events on the occasion of the jubilee were covered by the Macedonia media. Many media received jubilee plaques as well as a token of appreciation for the long lasting cooperation with Macedonian Red Cross.

In regard to the information and publication activities of Macedonian Red Cross, in the last two years the printing of the posters and brochures for the 5 traditional weeks of Macedonian Red Cross was financially covered with the capacity building project funded by the Norwegian Red Cross. This project also covered printing of 3 issues of the Macedonian Red Cross magazine "Solidarity" (March, June, and December).

In frames of the capacity building project a seminar with journalists was organized. This traditional seminar presents an opportunity to meet and exchange information with the representatives of the media who are responsible to follow Macedonian Red Cross activities. This seminar was held in October and 21 media representatives (from printed and electronic media) from all over the country participated on the seminar.

Within the project activities funded by the International Committee of the Red Cross this year, a Dissemination and Communication Centre was ceremonially opened by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, Dr Vlado Buckovski on December 23, 2005.

During 2005 the staff of Macedonian Red Cross HQ prepared the new Development Plan of Macedonian Red Cross for the period 2006 – 2010.





# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

2005 was marked by many international activities of our national society. Representatives from Macedonian Red Cross participated on many international seminars, workshops and meetings and several international meetings were organized in Macedonia. Also, on many occasions our national society was visited from international representatives of the Movement. In the reporting year many internationally projects and programmes were implemented with the support of donor national societies, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, ICRC and other international humanitarian organizations. Most of the international programme activities are mentioned in the different programme areas of Macedonian Red Cross throughout this report.

Mrs. Maire Saugestad, consultant from the international department of the Norwegian Red Cross visited Macedonian Red Cross in the period of March 7-10. The basic objective of the visit was to monitor the implementation of the Capacity building programme and the Participatory Community Development Programme which are funded by the Norwegian Red Cross. During her visit she met the President and the Secretary General. She also visited the City Red Cross of Skopje where she met the secretary of the organization. She also visited the RC branch Kicevo where she was received by the branch secretary. Mrs. Saugestad had meetings with the desk officers in MRC HQ in order to hear new project ideas about the capacity building project our Macedonian Red Cross for the forthcoming year 2006.

On the occasion of the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Macedonian Red Cross delegations from the Russian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Red Cross of Serbia and Montenegro, Red Cross of Serbia, Red Cross of Montenegro, Red Cross of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Red Cross of the Republic of Srpska, Bulgarian Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent, Albanian Red Cross, Hellenic Red Cross, the Vice-President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Dr. Massimo Bara and representatives from ICRC, visited Macedonian Red Cross in the period of March 15-18. Within the programme agenda, the guests attended the Ceremonial Session of Macedonian Red Cross Assembly held in the "Army House" and the Ceremonial Academy held in the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts. During the visit the guest were also taken to Ohrid for a sightseeing tour and they visited the Red Cross Training centre in Struga.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, our national society was visited by Mrs. Caroline Mawdsley, programme coordinator of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest. The purpose of the visit was to monitor the capacity building project activities for 2005 funded by the Norwegian Red Cross. The visitor had meetings with the Secretary General, the Secretary of the City Red Cross of Skopje and with Macedonian Red Cross desk officers working on the project.

Within the period of May 30-31 a leadership meeting was held in Budapest, Hungary for the national societies from Central Europe. The meeting was attended by the RC leaders of Central European countries, representatives of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and ICRC from Geneva and Budapest. Macedonian Red Cross delegation was consisted as follows: PhD. Jovan Damjanovski, President, Sait Saiti, Vice-President and Sasho Taleski, Head of International Department. Several important issues were discussed on the leadership meeting: Federation of the future, external trends and implications on the RC / RC Movement, Midterm review of Strategy 2010, preparations for the statutory meetings in Seoul, Korea, the preparations of the Diplomatic Conference in Geneva in regard to the adoption of the Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions, the preparations for the forthcoming European Red Cross Red Crescent Conference which will be organized in 2006 in Moscow, Russia. The leadership meeting was used for several bilateral meetings with the national societies present on the meeting.

On October 12, Macedonian Red Cross was visited by Ms. Jane Marin, member of the Tsunami team responsible for preparations of reports in the Federation Secretariat in Geneva. During the one day visit she met the Acting Secretary General Sait Saiti who presented the activities of our national society during the appeal for raising funds and material assistance for the Tsunami affected countries and the missions of our team members for Water and Sanitation in Indonesia. Ms. Marin also had meetings with the desk officers of Macedonian Red Cross who were involved in the activities for providing assistance to the Tsunami affected countries.

In the period of October 21-23, a second leadership meeting for Central European national societies was organized in Budapest, Hungary. The meeting was attended by RC presidents and secretaries general from Central Europe and representatives from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and ICRC from Geneva and Budapest. The delegation of Macedonian Red Cross was composed of the President PhD. Jovan Damjanovski, Sait Saiti, Vice-President and Sasho Taleski, Head of International Department. The purpose of the leadership meeting was preparations for the participation on the statutory meetings in Seoul, Korea and the forthcoming European Red Cross Red Crescent Conference which will be organized in 2006 in Moscow, Russia.

On 27<sup>th</sup> October three member delegation of the Hellenic Red Cross visited our national society on the occasion of opening of the Training Centre for Disaster Preparedness "Dare Bombol". The delegation was headed by the Vice-President Mr. Sterios Makrinas and was





*The Ceremonial Academy of Macedonian Red Cross Assembly in  
“Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts”*



*The Ceremonial Session of Macedonian Red Cross Assembly in the  
“Army House”*



received by the President, PhD. Jovan Damjanovski and the Acting Secretary General Sait Saiti who expressed gratitude for the support of the Hellenic Red Cross for the construction of the Training Centre for Disaster preparedness "Dare Bombol". The leadership also discussed the future cooperation between the two national societies.


Delegation of Macedonian Red Cross composed of the President PhD. Jovan Damjanovski, and Sasho Taleski, Head of International Department, participated on the statutory meetings of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Seoul, Korea, in the period of November 11-18. The statutory meetings were divided in two parts: 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (11-14 November) and the Council of Delegates (16-18 November). Two new national societies were admitted in the Federation. Mr. Juan del Toro Rivero was re-elected for President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and for new vice-presidents of the federation were elected. During the statutory meetings the delegation of Macedonian Red Cross made several bilateral meetings with national societies and representatives from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and ICRC.

Delegation of Macedonian Red Cross composed of the president, PhD Jovan Damjanovski and the vice-president, Prim. Dr. Nikola Kamcev visited the Red Cross of Serbia and Montenegro, on the occasion of the marking of 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ceremony was organized in Cetinje in the period of November 28-30. During the discussions of the leaderships of the two national societies it was agreed that the good cooperation must be promoted in future in all programme areas.

In the period of December 1-3 our national society was visited by the Mr. Branko Knezevic, Regional Coordinator for organizational development of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – Regional Delegation Budapest. He participated as a facilitator on the workshop for local governance training that was held in the Recreation Training Centre in Struga.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Macedonian Red Cross was visited by Mr. Roger Bruland Servin, representative of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Skopje. The purpose of the visit was to monitor the capacity building programme implemented by Macedonian Red Cross with the support of the Norwegian Government via the Norwegian Red Cross. He met the Acting Secretary General Sait Saiti, the Head of the International Department Sasho Taleski and the Secretary of the City Red Cross of Skopje, Suzana Tuneva. Mr. Servin pointed that he is pleased how the project was implemented by Macedonian Red Cross and he expressed preparedness for further support in the forthcoming year 2006.

In the period of December 8-11, Sasho Taleski and Valentina Koleska from the International Department and Communications participated on a knowledge sharing meeting organized in Budapest, Hungary. The representative of Macedonian Red Cross presented the First Aid and Strategic Planning activities of our national society.



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**Most of the activities of the Tracing Service implemented in 2006 actually represented accomplishment of the activities listed in the plan of action of this service. Part of the implemented activities arose as a need in the course of the year.**

The number of the cases, related to armed conflicts, compared to the past years was down to a minimum. During the year, two cases were initiated for tracing missing persons from Kosovo and in cooperation with ICRC, the cases were successfully solved. In regard to civilian cases initiated in the Tracing Service in the last year, there were 13 cases, 9 of them closed and 4 are still in procedure.

In Macedonian Red Cross Development Plan 2006-2010 prepared by MRC staff and adopted by MRC assembly, certain changes are foreseen in the operation of the Tracing Service. In future the Tracing Service will fall under the disaster preparedness programme and the main objective stipulated in the MRC Development Plan will be the transformation of the Tracing Service in a National Bureau for information.





# FUNDRAISING

**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies financially supported the participation of the Macedonian Red Cross President of Fundraising Commission on the knowledge sharing seminar held in Holland in the period of October 27-30.**

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies enabled participation of the finance desk officer on the seminar for improvement of techniques for mobilization of funds and financial management and exchange of related experiences with other NGO's from Europe. The seminar was held in Budapest in the period of November 7 -12.

All these efforts were made in order training to be provided for MRC staff and volunteers so they can explore new opportunities for raising funds from the private and state sector in the state and from foreign donors.

During the year, numerous contacts were made with state institutions and organs in order to determine all possible opportunities for mobilization of funds for Macedonian Red Cross activities.

Within the efforts for provision of new sources of income Macedonian Red Cross temporarily run the parking lot located behind the MRC HQ premises. The parking lot provided significant resources in the past year which were used for covering Macedonian Red Cross programme activities. On many occasions financial and material resources were provided from many companies in the country and they were used for implementation of programme activities and for support of most vulnerable population in Macedonia and for support of the affected population from the Tsunami affected countries in South East Asia.

Significant resources in the past year were raised from renting office space of Macedonian Red Cross and the funds were used for filling in the financial needs of the national society.

It is important to mention that significant efforts were made for preparing good projects which were supported by several donors. This is an important source of resources for functioning of the organization and this tendency should continue in future as well.



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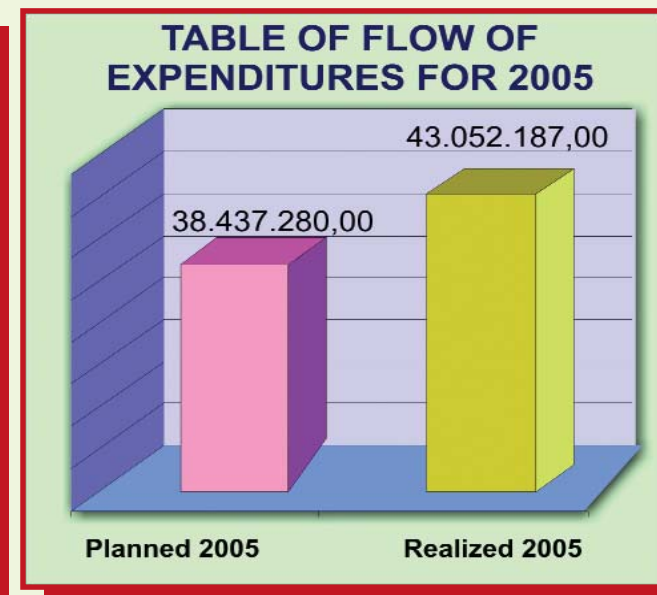
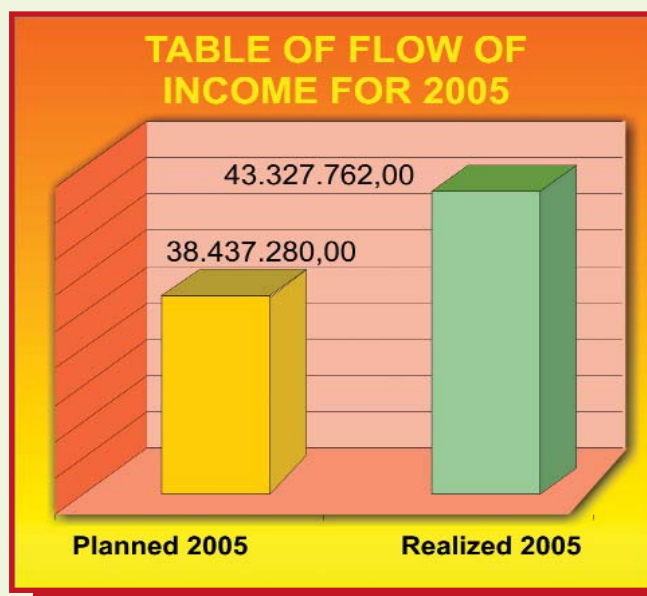
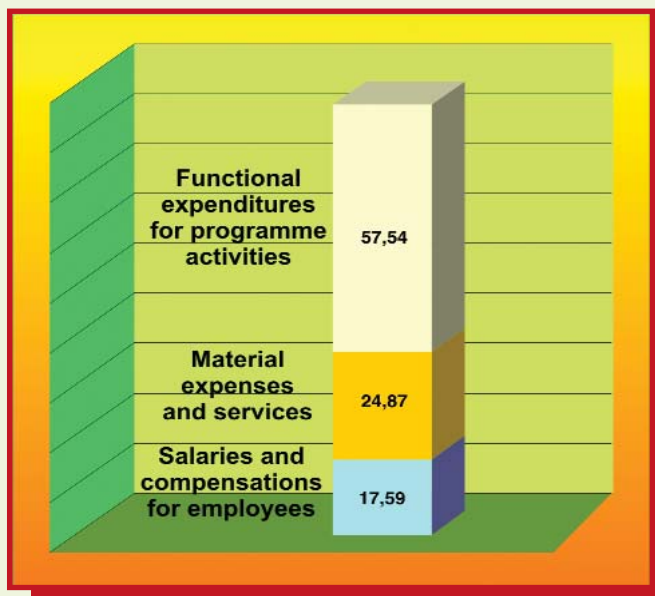
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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## MACEDONIAN RED CROSS

### 01.01.2005 – 31.12.2005



Macedonian Red Cross prepared the financial report for 2005 in order to provide better transparency of its operation. The report presents the planned and realized income and expenditures for the past year divided in several budget items. Also, throughout the annual report of Macedonian Red Cross there is information available about our type of operation, our initiatives, projects and pledges and our most important activities on national and international level. The precisely prepared financial plan for 2005, with planned expenditures, donations and own income and the reasonable operation of our organization give clear picture about the financially successful year.

From the charts that follow it can be concluded that the accrued income in 2005 compared to the planned income is higher for 12,72%, while the planned and realized expenditures are higher for 12,01%.

The controlling of the total expenditures is elementary objective of each successful organization. Without any limitations and control over the total expenditures, the unlimited expenditures would probably result with chronically high deficit and progressive increase of the annual income and expenditures ratio.

At the end the last chart emphasizes the restricted spending in our organization, where only 17,95% of the funds were spent on salaries and compensations for staff, 12,87% of the funds were spent for material expenses and services, while the functional expenses for the programme activities of Macedonian Red Cross amount to 57,54% of the total expenditures.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## MACEDONIAN RED CROSS

### 01.01.2005 – 31.12.2005

#### INCOME

	Description of income	Plan 2005	Realized 2005	index
1	Ministry of Finance (the Budget of RM)	6.000.000,00	6.321.000,00	5,35
2	Ministry of Health (for blood donation)	7.700.000,00	7.601.640,00	-1,28
3	From international organizations			
	• IFRC – health	2.219.516,00		
	• Project Hope – AIDS	1.195.702,50		
	• Austrian Red Cross	1.017.987,00		
	• Spanish Red Cross	114.000,00		
	• ICRC – support for 2005	777.810,00		
	• Finnish Red Cross	21.455,00		
	• French Red Cross	25.684,00		
		9.627.280,00	5.372.155,00	-44,20
4	From RC branches (membership)	3.000.000,00	1.838.626,00	-38,71
5	Donations from natural persons	10.000,00	3.000,00	-70,00
6	Donations from legal persons (60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of MRC)	2.500.000,00	162.898,00	-93,48
7	Additional post stamps (MRC Law)	700.000,00	407.352,50	-41,81
8	Registration of vehicles	200.000,00	12.200.029,00	6000,01
9	From Rent of office space	1.500.000,00	1.830.808,00	22,05
10	From the RC parking lot	700.000,00	447.635,00	-36,05
11	From implemented projects	100.000,00	483.313,00	383,31
12	From sale of furniture and other equipment	200.000,00	33.655,00	-83,17
13	Income from sold vehicles	2.700.000,00	2.278.480,00	-15,61
14	From RC branches (First aid)	3.000.000,00	3.683.500,00	22,78
15	Other income	500.000,00	663.671,00	32,73
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38.437.280,00</b>	<b>43.327.762,50</b>	<b>12,72</b>



## EXPENDITURES

### SALARIES, RENT AND COMPENSATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES

Description of expenditures		Plan 2005	Realized 2005	index
1	Net salaries for employees	4.500.000,00	3.420.545,00	-23,99
2	Travel allowance for employees	450.000,00	238.594,00	-46,98
3	Compensation for food for employees	900.000,00	565.893,00	-37,12
4	Compensation for vacation	200.000,00	142.880,00	-28,56
5	Compensation for retirement	50.000,00	37.590,00	-24,82
6	Other compensations	300.000,00	302.743,00	0,91
7	Contributions for staff salaries	3.350.000,00	1.884.992,00	-43,73
8	Personal tax on salaries	700.000,00	499.316,00	-28,67
9	Personal tax on compensations (separate living, perdiem, jubilee premium)	200.000,00	418.747,50	109,37
10	Compensation for separate living	0,00	62.259,00	100,00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>10.650.000,00</b>	<b>7.573.559,50</b>	<b>-28,89</b>

### EXPENDITURES FOR MATERIAL EXPENSES AND SERVICES

Description of expenditures		Plan 2005	Realized 2005	index
1	Electricity	300.000,00	292.202,00	-2,60
2	Water	50.000,00	28.269,50	-43,46
3	Waste disposal	50.000,00	32.564,00	-34,87
4	Central heating	250.000,00	251.007,00	0,40
5	Post offices	80.000,00	200.883,50	151,10
6	Telephone	950.000,00	745.737,00	-21,50
7	Fuel	500.000,00	549.700,50	9,94
8	Expenses for registration of vehicles	150.000,00	122.147,00	-18,57
9	Other expenses for transport (toll, car wash, fixing tires)	100.000,00	73.390,00	-26,61
10	Office material (for MRC, for seminars – projects)	250.000,00	223.620,50	-10,55
11	Magazine subscription	70.000,00	89.357,50	27,65

Description of expenditures	Plan 2005	Realized 2005	index
12 Tapes, cassettes, for audio/video equipment	200.000,00	154.574,00	-22,71
13 Beverages, food items, hygiene material	200.000,00	180.879,00	-9,56
14 Uniforms	17.000,00	20.971,00	23,36
15 Educational materials	100.000,00	172.418,00	72,42
16 Other materials (visiting cards, batteries, flowers, paintings for March 17)	200.000,00	354.209,00	77,10
17 Repair and maintenance of vehicles	300.000,00	374.643,00	24,88
18 Cleaning services	100.000,00	9.317,00	-90,68
19 Expenses for maintenance of equipment (xerox servicing )	200.000,00	57.052,50	-71,47
20 Expenses for maintenance of the building	250.000,00	320.051,00	28,02
21 Maintenance of the software and hardware (repair of printers and computers)	200.000,00	78.377,00	-60,81
22 Celebrations – 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of MRC	2.500.000,00	658.603,50	-73,66
23 Fees for solicitor	150.000,00	186.892,00	24,59
24 Bank provisions	50.000,00	61.219,00	22,44
25 Insurance on property	60.000,00	41.952,00	-30,08
26 Assessment of value of buildings and warehouses	50.000,00	34.890,00	-30,22
27 Other contractual services	200.000,00	273.897,00	36,95
29 Representation and international cooperation	300.000,00	320.754,50	6,92
30 Other operational expenses	50.000,00	32.300,00	-35,40
31 Procurement of office furniture and office equipment	200.000,00	1.276.359,00	538,18
32 Reconstruction, renovation of the building	300.000,00	1.093.915,50	264,64
33 Procurement of vehicles	2.700.000,00	2.395.304,00	-11,29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.077.000,00</b>	<b>10.707.456,50</b>	<b>-3,34</b>

## FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES OF THE HQ STAFF

Description of expenditures	Plan 2005	Realized 2005	index
1 Travel abroad (perdiem, visas, insurance, toll)	500.000,00	879.559,00	75,91
2 Xeroxing, printing and publication of materials	2.110.000,00	1720465,50	-18,46
Sector for organizational development and legal administrative matters	60.000,00	0,00	-100,00
• Disaster preparedness and response	100.000,00	15.694,00	-84,31
• Week for fight against cancer	50.000,00	0,00	-100,00
• Blood donation	500.000,00	744.609,00	48,92
• Tuberculosis	100.000,00	0,00	-100,00
• Week of solidarity	100.000,00	43.801,50	-56,20
• Dissemination	200.000,00	15.104,00	-92,45
• Health care – Manual FA	600.000,00	153.789,00	-74,37
• Неделя на стари лица	50.000,00	7.000,00	-86,00
• J60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary (plaques and badges)	50.000,00	317.494,00	534,99
• Other programme areas (Social Welfare, Information)	0,00	178.803,50	




	Description of expenditures	Plan 2005	Realized 2005	index
	• Week of the Red Cross	50.000,00	13.275,00	-73,45
	• Drugs	200.000,00	197.986,50	-1,01
	• AIDS	50.000,00	32.909,00	-34,18
3	Participation on seminars and conferences (perdiem)	2.250.000,00	1.682.969,00	-25,20
	• Disaster preparedness and response	200.000,00	7.620,00	-96,19
	• Health care	100.000,00	45.862,50	-54,14
	• Drugs	300.000,00	440.687,00	46,90
	• First Aid	100.000,00	210.827,50	110,83
	• Meetings with international organizations	80.000,00	10.460,00	-86,93
	• Meetings with MRC branches	50.000,00	1.580,00	-96,84
	• Commission for Social Welfare	80.000,00	27.734,00	-65,33
	• Commission for Dissemination	80.000,00	7.220,00	-90,98
	• Commission for Org. Development	80.000,00	51.500,00	-35,63
	• Sessions of the Executive Board	100.000,00	122.010,00	22,01
	• Meetings with NGO's and the Finance Commission	80.000,00	19.280,00	-75,90
	• Meetings with MRC branch secretaries	150.000,00	81.884,00	-45,41
	• Assembly	150.000,00	113.660,00	-24,23
	• Meeting for March 17 <sup>th</sup> (60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)	30.000,00	15.230,00	-49,23
	• AIDS	70.000,00	62.080,00	-11,31
	• Commission for Organizational Development	80.000,00	22.210,00	-72,24
	• Youth	80.000,00	38.140,00	-52,33
	• International youth camp	100.000,00	234.929,00	134,93
	• Commission for blood donation (Blood donation workshop)	80.000,00	116.541,00	45,68
	• Statutory Commission	80.000,00	40.614,00	-49,23
	• Commission for Fundraising	80.000,00	5.370,00	-93,29
	• Commission for Tracing Service	20.000,00	0,00	-100,00
	• Commission for Information	80.000,00	7.530,00	-90,59
4	Other financial services	1.898.280,00	1.046.098,00	-44,89
	• From IFRC for youth	144.000,00	30.000,00	-79,17
	• From IFRC for delegates in Indonesia	1.554.280,00	662.626,00	-57,37
	• From MRC – salaries for temporary service contracts	200.000,00	353.472,00	76,74
5	Transfers to MRC branches	9.102.000,00	19.014.471,50	108,90
6	Membership fees for international organizations	150.000,00	54.540,00	-63,64
8	Participation on European First Aid Competition	400.000,00	236.672,50	-40,83
9	First Aid competition	300.000,00	136.396,00	-54,53
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.710.280,00</b>	<b>24.771.171,50</b>	<b>48,24</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>38.437.280,00</b>	<b>43.052.187,50</b>	<b>12,01</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38.437.280,00</b>	<b>43.327.762,50</b>	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>38.437.280,00</b>	<b>43.052.187,50</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>275.575,00</b>	

# APPROVAL

## OF THE FINACIAL REPORT FOR 2005 BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MACEDONIAN RED CROSS

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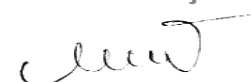
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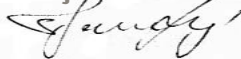
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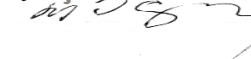
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Friday, 10.02.2005  
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To:  
 The Management of  
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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of "MACEDONIAN RED CROSS" as of 31 December 31 December 2003 and 30 June 2004, and the related Statement of Revenues and Expenses, Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of the Changes in the Funds for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Institution's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International auditing standards. Those standards require performing the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, testing and collecting evidence that support the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements of "MACEDONIAN RED CROSS" give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organization as of 31 December 2003 and 30 June 2004, as well as the operating results, the cash flow and the changes in the funds for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the Law of Non-profit Organizations and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and practice for financial reporting in Republic of Macedonia.

Without any qualification of our opinion, we notify the following aspects:

- Subject of our audit are the financial statements (annual statements) that represent the operating of the Organization performed only by the regular giro account. Part of the projects, financed by different donors, is realized by special sub-accounts, which are not accompanying part of the enclosed financial statements;
- The financial reports as for 2004, i.e. for the period 1 January – 30 June 2004 do not represent statutory financial reports. Namely, the Organization is not obliged to prepare financial reports for half-year period and hand them to appropriate institutions. Therefore we state the fact that till the end of the accounting period, i.e. 31 December 2004, certain transactions may arise, which will reflect the enclosed financial statements as for 30 June 2004.

Dragan Dimitrov, Certified Auditor

Dusan Dimitrov, Manager

Skopje, 24 December 2004





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