



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Consultation Meeting on Integrated Drought Management Programme



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Red Cross/Crescent Profile:

- **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC - Geneva based)** – Mandate: Conflict situations, International Humanitarian Law, Geneva Conventions.
- **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC - Geneva based)** – Mandate: Natural and man made disaster preparedness and response, developmental programming and RC/RC National Society Capacity Building.
- **186 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies** worldwide with National staff and volunteer/branch network.
- The worlds oldest and largest Humanitarian organisation.



IFRC & National Societies Activities:

- **pilot projects** to minimize risk to and impact of floods and droughts on vulnerable communities
- **community based** activities to address DRR
- **Climate change adaptation** and planning activities
- **Increasing water and sanitation access** (MDG 7)
- **Increasing interaction with partners** in the fields of DRR and CCA



Specific Examples:

- **Federations Global Water & Sanitation Initiative** contributing to MDG 7, over 120 long term water and sanitation projects in over 70 countries worldwide. Many in drought prone contexts.
- **For Drought Response** – pre-positioned Water & Sanitation Kits and training of local personnel for rapid response.
- **East Africa** - DRR is central to programming approaches, and drylands context is a key part of current strategy. IFRC has provided technical support and staffing through DRR and livelihoods centred programs.
- **The Sahel Region** has initiated discussion and consultation with different actors (IRI, ACMAD, CILSS) to look in to how we would play a more effective role in linking local information with the information generated by modern technology to communicate risks to vulnerable people in a timely fashion.
- **Southern Africa – Zambezi River Basin initiative** has been launched in the zone for engagement by Red Cross offices in 5 countries.
- **Early Warning – Early Action Drought Management** for Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia.



IFRC Perspectives:

- We endorse the WMO/GWP Initiative, especially to improve coordination and information sharing in drought preparedness and management.
- Moving from **reactive to proactive** approaches.
- Reduce **fragmented and 'ad hoc'** interventions.
- Gain better access to **'early warning for early action'**.
- Increasing cooperation, partnership and sharing best practice.



Established Methodologies

- Demand Driven by *'software'* (i.e. community and local Government participation and interaction)





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- Appropriate *'hardware'* (i.e. simple low-cost technology and solutions to enable community level sustainability)

