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# IFRC Migration Unit Newsletter

Updates for January - April 2013



## Internal in-progress developments

### 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Council of Delegates – November 2013 Australia

The Migration Unit is preparing two reports for the Statutory Meetings to be held in Sydney – Australia in November this year. The first report focus on progress in implementation of the 31<sup>st</sup> IC Resolution on Migration and follow up of its pledges will be produced in partnership with Georgetown University, as part of this report, a survey has been developed and shared with all National Societies.



International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Flags. (IFRC)

The second report focus on Migrants' right to access to international protection, law firms were contacted through Advocates for International Development – Lawyers Eradicating Poverty. A final report will be presented during the Council of Delegates in November.

For more information on the reports for the Council of Delegates please contact [migration.unit@ifrc.org](mailto:migration.unit@ifrc.org)

### Interactive Educational Guide on the Policy framework for addressing humanitarian dimensions of migration

The Migration Unit launched this tool which provides guidance for the RCRC Movement in aligning and reinforcing their responses to the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants, irrespective of their legal status and explores the 10 principles of the Policy on Migration and the IFRC's 2011 Migration Resolution to raise awareness on the specific vulnerability of migrants globally. The guide is the first Red Cross Red Crescent Learning network educational resource to leverage new technology standards and techniques. An introductory letter along with the link to the guide has been shared with all Migration Networks.



The guide can be accessed via the [Red Cross Red Crescent's Learning platform](http://www.ifrc.org/learning-platform)<sup>1</sup> and can also be viewed from mobile, tablet and desktop computers, using this [link](http://www.spinriot.com/ifrc)<sup>2</sup>.

### Operationalizing the IFRC Migration Principles focusing on Urban Vulnerability

The Migration Unit is developing a pilot e-course to operationalize the WDR 2012 with urban migration being its cross cutting focus. This project is developed in partnership with the IFRC Learning and Organizational Development Department and the University of Illinois College of Education's Scholar research project.

This pilot project aims to introduce participants to the specificities and vulnerabilities of migrants irrespective of their legal status; raise awareness on the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference Migration Resolution, the IFRC Migration Policy and the 2012 World Disaster Report (WDR) on forced migration and displacement; build capacity of RCRC staff and volunteers by providing guidance on how to use the Policy and how to best address specific migration issues and familiarise participants' understanding and knowledge of Migration in an urban context. As part of the peer-to-peer evaluation participants will improve understanding of the impact and linkages of urbanisation, vulnerability and migration.

For more information on this pilot project please contact [migration.unit@ifrc.org](mailto:migration.unit@ifrc.org)

<sup>1</sup> [www.ifrc.org/learning-platform](http://www.ifrc.org/learning-platform)

<sup>2</sup> [www.spinriot.com/ifrc](http://www.spinriot.com/ifrc)

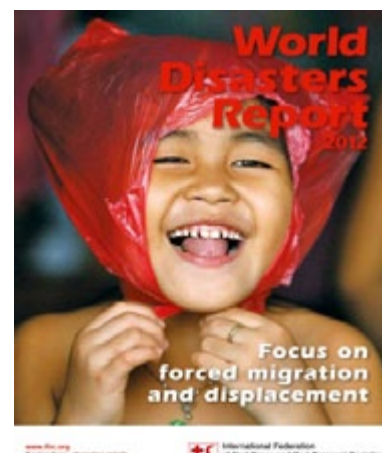
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### Americas Zone

#### UN Secretariat 2012 World Disaster Report event

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations organized on 19 February in New York a panel discussion on the complexity of forced migration in today's world and also presented the World Disaster Report 2012 on Forced Migration and Displacement in order to raise awareness about the risks that vulnerable migrants have to face along the migratory trail.

The World Disaster Report is available [here](#).<sup>1</sup> Summaries in [Arabic](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#) are also available.<sup>2</sup>



### Europe and Central Asia Zone

#### RCRC Migration and Development meeting

The Migration Unit contributed to discussions during the meeting on migration and development issues on 22-24 January 2013 in Stockholm. Swedish Red Cross, ICRC, EU/RC and the IFRC discussed the involvement of the movement in the GFMD activities in view of the Swedish Chairmanship of the GFMD in 2013 – 2014, in the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development 2013 and the post-2015 MDG agenda.

For more information on the RCRC migration and development meeting please contact [migration.unit@ifrc.org](mailto:migration.unit@ifrc.org).

#### Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants - PERCO Meetings

The Migration Unit attended the PERCO RCRC European Anti-trafficking meeting on 15 April, the PERCO Steering Committee meeting on 15 April, the PERCO meeting on 16 – 17 April and the Workshop on the Humanitarian Situation of Vulnerable Migrants in Greece on 18 April. The Manager of the Migration Unit presented the Strategy Analysis Report 2012-2013 and contributed technically to the all four meeting.

The Migration presentation made during the PERCO meeting is available [here](#).<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/world-disasters-report-2012/>

<sup>2</sup> Arabic: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/FedNet/Resources%20and%20Services/Disasters/WDR%202012/WDR-2012-AR.pdf>

French: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/FedNet/Resources%20and%20Services/Disasters/WDR%202012/WDR-2012-FR.pdf>

Spanish: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/FedNet/Resources%20and%20Services/Disasters/WDR%202012/WDR-2012-ES.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/PERCO%20meeting%20May%202013/IFRC%20Migration%20Implementation%20UpdateFV.pdf>



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by Manuel Lérda/Spanish Red Cross No one knows how many migrants have died in the last ten years attempting to cross in small boats from Western Sahara, Mauritania and, most recently, Senegal to the Canary Islands. Spanish Red Cross assists those who succeed to reach the Canary Islands with emergency aid and clean and dry clothes.

### Europe and MENA Zone - Mediterranean area

#### Movement meeting on the humanitarian situation in the Mediterranean

The Migration Unit co-chaired a meeting organized by the Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean on 19 – 20 March in Barcelona. ICRC, IFRC Europe Zone, IFRC North Africa Regional Office, PERCO, RC EU Office and National Societies from the area presented their programmes and activities for migrants.

The Unit prepared three power points on [IFRC 2012 – 2015 Migration Implementation Update](#)<sup>4</sup>, [E-learning tools on migration issues](#)<sup>5</sup> and [World Disaster Report 2012 – Focus on the Mediterranean](#)<sup>6</sup>.

The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#)<sup>7</sup>

Further information on this meeting can be obtained by contacting Ariana Potrafki, Acting Director, Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean, [apotrafki@cruzroja.es](mailto:apotrafki@cruzroja.es), <http://www.mediterraneumrc.org>

### ICRC - RFL

#### Restoring Family Link for Migrants Meeting

The Migration Unit contributed to the RFL for Migrants meeting in Teheran on 15 -17 January. The delegates were divided in working groups to discuss main needs that migrants face regarding access to RFL services, the RCRC response to address these needs and how to improve it from the origin, transit and destination country point of view. Two working groups for RFL Practitioners from National Societies and decision makers from National Societies were created to further discuss RFL challenges.

The meeting was jointly opened by Jagan Chapagain, Director of Asia Pacific Zone on behalf of IFRC. Three challenges and areas of concern with regard to the protection needs of migrants, and the importance of RFL in the context of disasters were highlighted in his speech: stranded migrants as 'non citizens' requiring relief and protection, migrants forced to flee a disaster across an international border and requiring temporary protection and the particular vulnerability of unaccompanied children and the increased risk of trafficking.

Restoring Family Links for Migrants speech is available [here](#)<sup>8</sup>. The presentation on IFRC Migration Policy and link with RFL is available [here](#)<sup>9</sup>



Two sisters are reunited after being separated in the violent civil war that tore through Burundi in 1993. Melania spent 11 years in a Tanzanian refugee camp before migrating to Australia. Through Red Cross' tracing service, she also found her mother, three brothers and two sisters in another Tanzanian refugee camp. (Rodney Dekker/Australian RC)

4 <https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Global/IFRCMI-1.PDF>

5 [https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Global/Training%20tools%20on%20Migration%20issues\\_ppt.pdf](https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Global/Training%20tools%20on%20Migration%20issues_ppt.pdf)

6 [https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Global/IFRC\\_2-1.PDF](https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Global/IFRC_2-1.PDF)

7 [http://www.mediterraneumrc.org/pls/portal30/docs/PAGE/CANCRE/CCM/ISSUES/CCMMIGRANTS/MOVMEETBANA13/TAB12649307/MINUTES\\_MOVEMENT\\_MEETING%202013.PDF](http://www.mediterraneumrc.org/pls/portal30/docs/PAGE/CANCRE/CCM/ISSUES/CCMMIGRANTS/MOVMEETBANA13/TAB12649307/MINUTES_MOVEMENT_MEETING%202013.PDF)

8 <http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/opinions-and-positions/speeches/2013/restoring-family-links-for-migrants/>

9 [https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/RFL/ICRC%20\\_%20IRCS%20RFL%20meeting%20for%20migrants.%20Final.pdf](https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/RFL/ICRC%20_%20IRCS%20RFL%20meeting%20for%20migrants.%20Final.pdf)

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### Within the IFRC

#### Americas Zone

##### Colombian Red Cross supports foreigners in transit

During the agrarian mobilization of coffee producers last March in Colombia, main roads were blocked preventing domestic and foreign passengers' movement, food transport and even ambulances and health service.

The presence of foreigners with health problems, elderly and children in transit through Colombia made the situation more serious. The Colombian Red Cross accompanied and assisted 783 citizens from Peru, Ecuador and Brazil who were in transit to their countries of origin.

60 volunteers from the departments of Valle del Cauca, Cauca and Nariño, health professionals and members of the National Intervention Team in Restoring Family Links distributed food rations, blankets water, primary health care services, psychosocial support, and assistance in restoring family links were also provided. This action was undertaken in coordination with the Consulates of Ecuador and Peru as well as the Colombian government.

Colombian Red Cross engaged with representatives of the agrarian mobilizations in order to ensure that people living in areas of isolation would be able to leave under the protection of a group volunteers from the Colombian Red Cross.

After several hours walking to nearby towns where land transport were available, foreigners travelled to Cali and Popayan airports where representatives from Peruvian and Ecuadorian governments were waiting for them.

A video on this support action is available [here](#)<sup>10</sup>.

For more information please contact José Manuel Rivera, Chief, Protection Department, [proteccion@cruzrojacolombiana.org](mailto:proteccion@cruzrojacolombiana.org)

##### Module for attention to migrants on the northern border of Corinto – Honduras Red Cross

In July 2012, Honduras Red Cross, with technical and financial support from the ICRC, started migration-related services to locate in the Corinto border with Guatemala.

Through this initiative, run by volunteers from the Honduran Red Cross, the following services are provided:

- Guidance and information regarding assistance, health and security organizations and banking services available in the area and the cities located on the route of entry.
- Basic First Aid for conditions that do not require medical attention or hospitalization.
- Donation of hygiene kits differentiated by age and sex, and water.
- Restoring Family links through phone calls.
- Dialogue and cooperation with Government and civil society have been established to raise awareness of the situation that migrants face and to mobilize resources for migrants at the Corinto border.

For more information please contact Norma L. Archila, Communication Coordinator, [norma.archila@cruzroja.org.hn](mailto:norma.archila@cruzroja.org.hn)



Domestic and foreign passengers blocked during the agrarian mobilization of coffee producers



Attention to migrants in the Corinto border with Guatemala

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/embed/HbR\\_-F23jg8](http://www.youtube.com/embed/HbR_-F23jg8)

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### Asia Pacific Zone

#### Japan Red Cross helps displaced from Fukushima community

A Japanese Red Cross is supporting those forced to relocate from Namie town – one of the closest to the Fukushima nuclear plant - to Iwaki city. Pairs of JRC nurses make door-to-door visits to listen to the evacuees' concerns over their health, assessing their needs and monitoring their psychosocial needs. The programme began in September 2012 at the request of Namie town, some parts of which have been classified as “no entry” areas and others as “restricted residence” zones.

One of the concerns posed for the relocated community is the isolation of those living in a rented apartment in an unfamiliar town. Local Red Cross staff says those displaced often fall into depression as they struggle to blend into a new community.

Minako Morita, professor at the Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing explains that this project poses diverse challenges to Red Cross staff, from coordination with stakeholders and creation of a questionnaire on sensitive issues, to the practical difficulty of finding individuals' houses on a map – Japanese addresses can be complex even for local people to pinpoint. But she is pleased with the responsive way in which the programme is proceeding.

For more information please contact Ms Asuka Suzuki, Planning and Public Relations Department, [as-suzuki@jrc.or.jp](mailto:as-suzuki@jrc.or.jp)

#### Korean Red Cross mobilises on migrants and international marriages

The Korean Red Cross has launched a new, integrated approach aimed at using its volunteers more effectively to respond to social issues South Korea faces, including an increasing numbers of migrants and international marriages.

The Heemang Poongcha (“windmill of hope”) initiative, launched last year, strives to raise the quality of life for vulnerable youth, seniors, multicultural families and migrants.

One of its objectives is to “match” 30,000 Red Cross volunteers to members of the four vulnerable groups.

As part of this initiative, Korean Red Cross has opened two medical centres within its hospitals in Seoul and Incheon.

As of November 2012, less than 6 months after the launch of Heemang Poongcha, a total of 2,216 disadvantaged patients received medical treatment at the Seoul Red Cross Hospital worth a total of USD 197,380<sup>11</sup>.

Among these patients was a 30-year-old man from Uzbekistan who followed his father, a worker at a glass factory, and migrated to South Korea in November 2010. Not long after his arrival, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of blood cancer, but was able to continue his cancer treatment through the financial support of Heemang Poongcha.

For more information please contact Ms CHUN Heyjoon, Officer of International Communication, [heyjoon@redcross.or.kr](mailto:heyjoon@redcross.or.kr)



**Nobuko Homma, 62, is one of the displaced survivors from the town of Namie, visited by Japanese Red Cross nurses. JRCS**



**A baby boy is safely delivered to a refugee woman from Pakistan at one of the Korean Red Cross hospitals. Korean Red Cross.**

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### New Zealand Red Cross becomes lead Resettlement Agency for quota refugees in New Zealand

In 2012, New Zealand Red Cross joined with Refugee Services Aotearoa New Zealand to become the lead refugee resettlement agency for New Zealand, providing resettlement support to New Zealand's annual 750 quota refugees.

New Zealand Red Cross' resettlement programme, Pathway to Settlement, covers the first year of resettlement and works in partnership with other agencies, refugee background communities and the wider host community to achieve independence and integration for refugee families and individuals as quickly as possible.

The programme is aligned with New Zealand Government's National Refugee Resettlement Strategy, which focuses on five key outcomes for successful resettlement: 1) self-sufficiency, including employment, 2) social participation, 3) health and wellbeing, 4) education and 5) housing.

Through the Pathway programme, quota refugees create individualised settlement plans and identify personal goals. Staff then uses the plans to help new arrivals measure their progress and celebrate their successes.

The programme begins at Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre, where quota refugees complete a six-week orientation before travelling to their settlement locations. During this time they create their Pathway plans, attend English classes, receive health checks and are introduced to public services, essential resettlement skills and additional information.

The new arrivals then travel to one of seven primary settlement locations around New Zealand, where they are supported by social workers, refugee background caseworkers, cross-cultural workers, trained community volunteers and employment support staff.

Families and individuals are assisted with their Pathway plans as well as other tasks like using public transport, registering with and using a primary healthcare provider, enrolling children in school and setting up accounts with service providers. They are also linked with English language classes, interpreting services and local refugee communities.

For information about the long-term settlement of quota refugees in New Zealand, visit: <http://www.dol.govt.nz/research/migration/refugees/quotarefugees.asp>

For more information please contact Teresa Bass, Communications Advisor Refugee Services, [Teresa.bass@redcross.org.nz](mailto:Teresa.bass@redcross.org.nz)



### Europe and Central Asia Zone

#### Higher awareness, stronger rights – Armenian Red Cross

Under a UNHCR-funded "Refugee Reception and Integration" project, in February 2013, ARCS started a series of information sessions in the social houses for asylum seekers and refugees. The information sessions aimed at contributing to the local integration of refugees and asylum-seekers through equipping them with the knowledge on the operating systems and structures in the country, increasing awareness of their rights and entitlements, building the trust with the community, etc.

The first sessions were dedicated to employment rights and organizations offering assistance in finding employment. Meetings have been held with representatives of the State Employment Service Agency and Confederation of the Trade Unions of Armenia. During the meetings refugees and asylum-seekers were informed about services and opportunities





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provided by the government, and had the opportunity to meet with governmental organizations, which would facilitate their relations with employers and protect them from various types of labour abuse.

To build the trust with the local community, ARCS is planning to hold series of meetings with the representatives of the local police offices and representatives of local self-governing bodies, to introduce their work to the residents. During these meetings the residents of the social houses will have a chance to raise issues of concern and meet with the local authorities.

For more information please contact Mariana Harutyunyan, Head of International Affairs Department, [redcross@redcross.am](mailto:redcross@redcross.am)

### **Praesidium Project: Multi-agency model in the management of mix migratory flows by sea in Italy – Italian Red Cross**

Praesidium Project is a Multi-agency model to ensure the protection of migrants human and civil rights. The Project focuses on enhancement of humanitarian reception, assistance to migrants who arrive by sea via the southern border of Italy, as well as the promotion of reception standards for migrants landing on the island of Lampedusa, Sicily, and other coastal areas.

Praesidium Project is a partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Italian Red Cross (CRI) and Save the Children launched in 2006 by the Italian Ministry of Interior-Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration. In 2013 Praesidium is running for the eighth edition.

The Italian Red Cross mainly carries out a number of activities: monitors treatment and reception procedures, medical assistance, special support to unaccompanied minors (e.g. age verification medical tests), to single women or single mothers and provide support to family reunification efforts. The ItRC is also involved in activities linked to psycho-social support, health education for operators and volunteers in order to contribute and to improve the overall reception and assistance conditions for migrant populations. Several multi-language health brochures were produced and were distributed to migrants and those who work within reception contexts in order to provide information and guidance for people involved in migration issues.

In 2013, the Project extends the monitoring activities carried out in all government centres of Italian territory together with Italian Prefectures, to identify effective interventions to improve reception conditions.

Multi-language health brochures are available [here](#)<sup>12</sup>

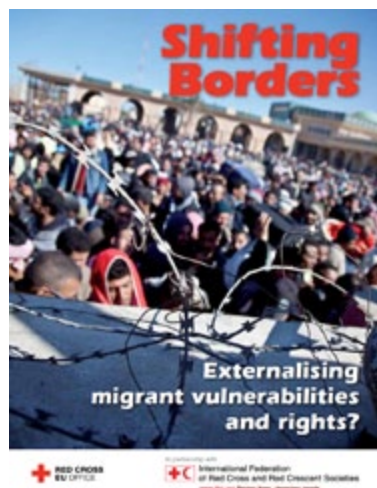
For more information please contact Alessandra Diodati, Health Director, Migration Activities, [alessandra.diodati@cri.it](mailto:alessandra.diodati@cri.it)

### **Raising awareness on the externalisation of migration controls – RCEU Office**

The Red Cross EU Office (RCEU) Migration Team has been working on raising awareness and advocating for change in view of the EU and its Member States' increased tendency to shift responsibility for immigration control to non-EU States. The recent RCEU publication entitled *Shifting borders - Externalising migrant vulnerabilities and rights?* shows how this process is complicating migrants' journey to the EU and making them even more vulnerable while limiting their access to international protection and humanitarian assistance. This booklet describes the



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<sup>12</sup> <http://cri.it/praesidium>  
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experiences of National Societies and gives a voice to external actors and international organisations working on these issues. Its purpose is to support the work of humanitarian actors in safeguarding the dignity of migrants and ensuring they have access to protection in the current context.

The RCEU Migration Team took advantage of the *Movement Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in the Mediterranean* organised on 19-20 March by the [Centre for Cooperation in the Mediterranean \(CCM\)](#) in Barcelona, Spain, to present the publication and engage with the National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies of the Mediterranean. In the Mediterranean region, National Societies are directly affected by externalisation. This process has a dire effect on the possibilities for migrants to access support and protection, and complicates the delivery of humanitarian services, in direct tension with [Resolution 3 of the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Red Cross Red Crescent](#).

For more information please contact Clémence Caraux-Pelletan, Migration Officer, [clemence.caraux@redcross-eu.net](mailto:clemence.caraux@redcross-eu.net) or [migration@redcross-eu.net](mailto:migration@redcross-eu.net)

### Anti-trafficking seminar for future educators – Serbia Red Cross

Three successive seminars for educators were held during the period 21.01.2013. - 27.01.2013. with the support of US Embassy Belgrade. There were a total of 53 participants from RC local branches throughout Serbia. The goal of these trainings is to prepare young future educators who will contribute to addressing the problem of Human Trafficking.

The programme consists of presentations that explain in detail the problem of Human Trafficking and how to work with different target groups (divided into age groups). Interactive workshops are organized where participants are divided into groups and each group is given various tasks in order to better understand the problem of Human trafficking.

The external facilitators, from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, contributed to the training by speaking of the prosecution of traffickers in Serbia, laws and prison sentences. The facilitators also presented different real-life examples emphasizing the existence of the problem of Human Trafficking in Serbia.

For more information please contact Jelena Andjelic, Anti trafficking programme Coordinator, [jelena@redcross.org.rs](mailto:jelena@redcross.org.rs)

### Networking and raising awareness around issues concerning unaccompanied minors – Swedish Red Cross

Swedish Red Cross is currently managing a project with the purpose of strengthening the quality of support given to unaccompanied minors, both by the NGO sector and the state sector. Methods include creating platforms for debate, sharing knowledge and experience as well as setting a scene where new forms of cooperation and networking is made possible. In March, the project arranged two day seminars in the cities of Uppsala and Umeå, inviting individuals working or coming into contact with unaccompanied minors to meet. Among the 160 participants were legal guardians, school staff, social workers, personnel at accommodations for unaccompanied minors as well as volunteers within the NGO sector, notably the Red Cross itself. The seminars were free of charge to participants thanks to the sponsors, Swedish Inheritance Fund Commission



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Invited speakers were decision-makers from the Swedish Migrations board specializing in children's asylum cases, SRC lawyers explaining the rights to family reunion and SRC advisor talking about our tracing services. A representative from the NGO Friends presented their project aimed at providing a secure environment at schools. In the afternoon a panel discussion between representatives from various organizations working with issues surrounding integration, including a representative from the group of minors itself, as well as the chance to take part in the youth section's role play which depicts a family forced to flee.

The commitment among the audience as well as invited speakers was overwhelmingly clear, and many left the auditorium with heightened knowledge and inspiration.

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### Middle East and North Africa Zone

#### Cash Transfer Programme launched in Jordan to support Syrian Refugees – Jordanian Red Crescent

The Cash Transfer Programme (CTP) aims at supporting the most vulnerable refugee families in Jordan by providing cash over a three month period.

The need for cash grants has been identified through a joint assessment carried out by the IFRC with the Jordanian Red Crescent (JRC) and the Swiss Red Cross.

In order to participate in the programme, the Syrians had to be registered as refugees. The selection of beneficiaries is based on vulnerability and excludes those who already take part in similar programmes. In Ajloun, 256 people in need were selected. The IFRC and JRC have been focusing its response on Syrian refugees living in host communities, which comprise over 70 per cent of the refugee population. The JRC is organizing everything from registration of beneficiaries to the distribution. Once refugees have signed the CTP agreement, JRC volunteers offer a briefing about the use of the cash card.

The CTP has a threefold benefit: It protects the dignity of Syrian refugees and allows them to decide themselves over their needs. In addition, Jordanian landlords and local markets are strengthened because the beneficiaries spend the money for their rents or local products. Finally, CTPs reduces logistical costs for distribution while ensuring greatest flexibility.

The implementation of the CTP has been possible by contributions from Red Cross societies from Britain, Switzerland, Japan, and the United States of America.

More information on the cash programme in Jordan is available [here](#)<sup>13</sup>. Also a video is available [here](#)<sup>14</sup>.

More information on Syria situation is available [here](#)<sup>15</sup>.

For more information please contact Dr. Hosam Faysal, Coordinator, MENA Zone Disaster Management Unit, [Hosam.FAYSAL@ifrc.org](mailto:Hosam.FAYSAL@ifrc.org)



<sup>13</sup> <http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/middle-east-and-north-africa/jordan/cash-programme-launched-in-jordan-to-support-syrian-families-61195/>

<sup>14</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-hYa2i6Qkw&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-hYa2i6Qkw&feature=player_embedded)

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.ifrc.org/syria-crisis>

## Engagement with external partners

### The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

The Migration Unit continues to be actively involved in the preparation for the 2013-2014 GFMD chaired by the government of Sweden and attended the first Friends of the Forum meeting in February and will attend the second one in May.

For more information on the GFMD process please visit <http://www.gfmd.org/en/>



### Habitat for Humanity – UNECE – UNHABITAT – UNDP – IFRC

The Migration Unit contributed to the Housing Forum Europe and Central Asia. Promoting sustainable housing futures for all held in Geneva in April and organized a hub session during this forum on “Global Housing Challenges for vulnerable Migrants: Linking vulnerability, protection and access to housing policies, guidelines, and advocacy”. The Migration Unit prepared a set of questions, a short paper and a power point presentation. The Migration Unit prepared some support material for the Hub session.

A [short paper](#)<sup>1</sup> and a [presentation](#)<sup>2</sup> were prepared for the Hub session.



### ICMPD – Secretariat for the Budapest process - “Silk routes”

Europe Zone participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Preparatory meeting for the 5<sup>th</sup> Budapest Process Ministerial Conference “A Silk Routes Partnership for Migration” held in Budapest in March which was followed by main meeting in April.

The Migration Unit contributed to the Ministerial Conference meeting that was held in Istanbul, Turkey in April. During this intergovernmental meeting within the framework of the project on “Fostering Cooperation in the Area of Migration in the Silk Routes Region” implemented under the umbrella of the Budapest Process, several thematic areas were discussed: legal migration including mobility, integration, racism and xenophobia, migration and development, irregular migration, return and readmission, smuggling of migrant and trafficking in human beings and international protection.

For more information on the Budapest Process Ministerial Conference please contact [migration.unit@ifrc.org](mailto:migration.unit@ifrc.org)



1 <https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/Housing%20forum/Global%20Housing%20Challenges%20for%20Vulnerable%20Migrants.pdf>

2 [https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/Housing%20forum/Hub%20session%20on%20global%20housing%20challenges%20for%20vulnerable%20migrants\\_FV.pdf](https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/Housing%20forum/Hub%20session%20on%20global%20housing%20challenges%20for%20vulnerable%20migrants_FV.pdf)



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### UNDESA – Population Division

The Migration Unit contributed to the 11<sup>th</sup> Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by UNDESA in New York in February. The meetings primarily discussed the contributions of relevant entities of the UN system and other organizations to the preparations of the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development. The Migration Unit prepared a background paper on “IFRC Perspectives on International Migration and Development”.

The background paper is available [here](#)<sup>3</sup>.

### UN Development Group - Population Dynamics Post-2015 UN Development Agenda



The Migration Unit participated in the Civil Society Consultation in February. Discussions during the meeting addressed, among other subjects, internal and international migration and focused on how can countries seize developmental opportunities and address humanitarian challenges associated with migration; including migrant remittances, employment and social protection issues related to labour migration, human rights and well-being of migrants, vulnerability to climatic and economic shocks; and the role of rights-based policy frameworks as well as bilateral and multilateral dialogue and agreements fostering avenues for safe and productive human mobility?

For more information on this process visit <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/population>

### United Nations Alliance of Civilizations - UNOAC

The Migration Unit represented the IFRC at the seminar “Covering Migration: Challenges Met and Unmet” in Paris and at the 5th Global Forum of the UNAOC in Vienna in February at the session focused on communicating better by drawing on the evidence about immigration – contributing to a new narrative on migration.

In an effort to address the way the media covers migration, UNAOC has produced a set of video series on [what is the most problematic area of migration coverage?](#), [why is improving the coverage such a pressing issue?](#), [how would you describe the current climate of the media coverage of migration?](#), [how can media outlets improve coverage](#) and [what are the best practices?](#)<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> <https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Meetings/Eleventh%20Coordination%20Meeting%20on%20International%20Migration%20FINAL.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGQe89L6zPs&list=UU1UIqCsaXeUCSGR8cfcaX>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT6QTYmu140&list=UU1UIqCsaXeUCSGR8cfcaX>; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmo4m3KOfM&list=UU1UIqCsaXeUCSGR8cfcaX>; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENrb6dlbWcw&list=UU1UIqCsaXeUCSGR8cfcaX>; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErzwsbihLKY&list=UU1UIqCsaXeUCSGR8cfcaX>

## Migration Unit's topics of interest

### Media and Migration

As mentioned above, during the Seminar on "covering migration: challenges met and unmet" in January 2013 in Paris and the 5<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Global Forum "Responsible leadership in Diversity and Dialogue" in February in Vienna, the Manager of the Migration Unit participated as speaker and focus her interventions on:

- The role of media in changing perceptions of migrants;
- The need for a focus on the human story rather than faceless statistics and look for more positive content;
- The importance about the use of adequate terminology. Journalists need a working knowledge of the topic, (i.e. media-friendly glossary on appropriate and clear terminology);
- The need for inclusion of migrants in migration coverage; for timely publication with accurate data and for a linkage of government and civil society actions (i.e. formal and informal links between journalists, migrants and other partners).

The Migration Unit prepared a background document for the 5<sup>th</sup> Global forum. It is available [here](#)<sup>1</sup>.

As part of this initiative, we have also learnt that British RC has been engaged in this area and have produced relevant material on media coverage on migrants: "[Dispatches UK: Early findings](#)"<sup>2</sup>.

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### Migration and Development

During this first quarter of 2013, the Migration Unit engaged in various discussions on migration and development: the Eleventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration organized by the Population Division of UNDESA in New York in February, the GFMD 1<sup>st</sup> Friends of the Forum meeting in February and the Civil Society Consultation on Population Dynamics Post-2015 UN Development Agenda in February.

The IFRC shared its perspective on migration and development from a humanitarian perspective including humanitarian protection, respect and dignity of migrants and the need of partnerships to protect and support vulnerable migrants regardless their legal status. The IFRC also highlighted the need for inclusion of the all three pillars of sustainable development, migration is not only about global economic development (for countries of origin and destination), but also importantly migrant rights and respect for diversity and social inclusion (social), links between migration and climate change (including increased urbanisation), and the challenge of building resilient communities (environmental).

### Integration

The Migration Unit has been working closely with the PERCO working group on Integration with the view of developing a Global Advisory Note on Integration. This Advisory Note will include:

- Definition of integration
- Guiding principles
- Issues to be considered by NSs in establishing integration programmes
- Examples of integration projects

1 <https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/Global/UNAOC%20Vienna%20Forum%20Media%20Migration%20paper%20FINAL.pdf>

2 [https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/UK/Dispatches\\_UK\\_Early\\_findings.pdf](https://fednet.ifrc.org/docs/Migration/UK/Dispatches_UK_Early_findings.pdf)

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- Appendix with commentary on the IFRC's 10 migration principles as they relate to integration.

A draft document is under development and will be finalised for consultation at the next PERCO meeting in October.

### Return

The Migration Unit co-chaired a meeting on return in Sweden organized by IFRC/Geneva and the Swedish Red Cross. Six National Society representatives involved or considering involving themselves in activities concerning assisting returnees, as well as two representatives from ICRC Geneva.

The aims of the meeting were:

- Discussion of already existing documents, policies and maybe suggest a revision.
- Share best practices
- Identify tools and working methods, which might apply to all national societies
- Common database with return related information
- Joint projects
- Especially vulnerable groups in the return process

One of the outcomes of the meeting is that the working group continues to further strengthen our awareness, knowledge and expertise in this important and sensitive area with both countries of origin and destination.

Terms of reference for this working group were developed during the meeting.

We apologize for the fact that this newsletter is currently only available in English. If Zones or National Societies have volunteers or staff who could translate all or part of the document, we would be most grateful.



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