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P&V running up to Solferino

The P&V **Youth as agents of behavioural change (YABC) Project**, will conduct **5 workshops in the 3rd World Youth Meeting in June, Solferino**. Workshops topics will be: non-discrimination and respect for diversity, culture of peace and violence prevention, gender, inter-cultural dialogue, and from principles to action.

All workshops will use peer education and be conducted by the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change Project network members. Together with Solferino youth participants, they will **pilot test the P&V skills-based toolkit** to empower youth as Agents of Behavioural Change. The network will also be involved in art performances in the **Humanitarian Village**.

We have now one more step to take before Solferino: a **Training of Trainers (TOT)**. The TOT will be hosted by the Spanish Red Cross and is co-organised by the P&V department, MENA and Europe zones. It will take place in Barcelona at the end of May.

The training will have 3 components. All training is based upon materials developed by National Societies and will use the toolkit's non-cognitive methodology:

- **Training on thematic P&V issues:** non-discrimination and respect for diversity, gender, culture of peace and violence prevention, intercultural dialogue and social inclusion.
- **Training on non-cognitive skills and techniques** essential to inspire behavioural change: empathy, active listening, dropping bias and non-judgement, negotiation and mediation, and non-violent communication.
- **Innovative platforms to promote inner change:** movement and arts, preparing a performance of the network during the Humanitarian Village.

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- Croatia
- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Ghana
- India
- Korea
- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- MENA Zone
- Netherlands
- Peru
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Togo
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- USA

Song developed by the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) network,
based on a Ghana Red Cross anthem

*Humanity is our heart,
Impartiality is our mind,
Neutrality is our philosophy,
That's how the Red Cross works.*

*Independence at all times,
Voluntary service to humankind,
Uniting people everywhere,
Universality will get you there.*

*Our future is clear and bright,
Henri Dunant showed us the light,
Our world, we will rearrange,
As Agents of Behavioural Change*

Our National Societies in Action



Cameroon Red Cross (Humanitarian values)

From 2nd to 4th February 2009, the youth section of the CRC organized a training workshop on the promotion of Humanitarian values and IDRL. They carried out practical exercises and discussions on the importance of a culture of peace. This is even more important in light of the socio-political upheaval in the region, which has led to an important flow of Chadian and Central African migrants into Cameroon. More than 30 members of the Red Cross Club of Yaoundé University participated in the training.

Democratic Republic of Congo Red Cross (Gender based violence)

As a result of the armed conflict in the North and South Kivu regions, rape and sexual violence against women have become rampant. From 19-23 January, twenty volunteers were trained in psychosocial skills in Goma. Focusing on discretion, listening and confidentiality, the training aimed at strengthening their capacity to assist victims of sexual abuse and to liaise with appropriate assistance and support services.

Costa Rican Red Cross (Principles and Values)

In order to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Solferino and renew the spirit of Henry Dunant, the Santa Ana Branch initiated a Principles and humanitarian values campaign for the more vulnerable communities of the city. Volunteers used didactic tools and games in dialogues on tolerance, solidarity, non-discrimination and mutual respect in their interaction with children and their parents.



Luxembourg Red Cross (Youth)

The Red Cross Intensity Band Contest took place on Saturday 28 March at Kulturfabrik. The contest was launched by the Red Cross as part of their international campaign aimed at young people: "Your potential. Your future. Without pressure." The campaign aims to encourage young people to believe in their potential and develop their future in a positive way despite social and academic pressures. <http://www.croix-rouge.lu/>



Mozambique Red Cross (Voluntary work)

Between 25th and 26th of February, riots took place in Quinga, Nampula Province, as a result of misinformation on the spread of cholera. Two volunteers were killed and seven others were injured. We wish to express our condolences and solidarity to the Mozambique Red Cross and encourage them to remain steady in their mission guided by the 7 Universal Principles of the RC/RC Movement.

Syrian Red Crescent (Non-discrimination)

A pilot training workshop took place on March 27th to test a project on the 7 Principles and Humanitarian Values. The training was first delivered to the Human Resources and International Humanitarian Law team of the SRC. It will be extended to more volunteers and RC staff in the coming months.

French Red Cross (Humanitarian Values)

In the framework of the 150th Anniversary of the Red Cross and Red Crescent idea, the French Red Cross will allow a delegation of 300 young ambassadors to participate in the Humanitarian Village organized by the Italian Red Cross, in June 2009. These 300 young people, selected thanks to a national contest, correspond to the 3 following categories: sanitary and social regional Institutes (100 students), volunteers between 16 and 26 years old (100) and school pupils accomplishing their third year of secondary school (100).

An innovative partnership with the National Ministry of Education:

From January to April 2009, 12 to 15,000 school children in almost 500 secondary schools will have benefited from a sensitization training on humanitarian values. "Missions: mobilize your power of humanity!" aims to prepare youth to become responsible citizens by developing their inner sense of personal and common commitment. The role of the IFRC as an educational partner to spread humanitarian values has been recognized by the Ministry Of education.

<http://www.croix-rouge.fr>



Iraqi Red Crescent (Impartiality and Tolerance)

Every year, millions of visitors from all over the world and from different religions converge in Iraq for a 4-day walking pilgrimage to celebrate the 40th day of Imam Hussein's Martyrdom Anniversary. During the gathering, Iraqi Red Crescent Society volunteers disseminated Fundamental Principles leaflets to the public and to the media. By providing basic services with humanity and impartiality to the millions of people coming from different cultural and religious backgrounds, IRCS volunteers have shown that Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement values can contribute to bringing people together peacefully in Iraq.



Our National Societies in Action

British Red Cross (Non-discrimination)

Get involved! The ambitious project “*Positive Images*” has just won 1 million Euros in funding from the European Commission to run as a partnership between the British, Austrian, Danish and Hellenic Red Cross. The BRC will also be offering grants to every National Society in the EU to run a positive images activity and contribute to a new toolkit for European educators.

Over three years they aim to reach 3 million children and young people with positive images messages across the EU and around 50,000 through more in-depth face to face work.

Their starting point is the positive images toolkit on the BRC website:

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=80300>

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=81352>

Pakistan Red Crescent (Gender)

IFRC/PRCS gave a Gender sensitization training (3-5 February 2009) to 24 participants involved in community activities. Pakistan RC recognises that for effective and efficient civil services it is of prime importance to have gender sensitive staff to counter discrimination and inequalities. The main objective of the sensitization training was to enhance the capacity of staff to implement more gender sensitive and gender responsive programmes at community level. The methodology was participatory and experiential. Report available on

<https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw151784.asp>

In order to also familiarize Program Managers of PRCS, IFRC and various PNS's about basic gender issues; the Gender Advisory Team of the IFRC organized a Gender sensitization Training from 24th-26th February 2009. This will contribute towards the capacity building of Programme Managers within the RCRC Movement who are supervising the field Staff in Mansehra Office.

Togo Red Cross (Child trafficking)

In the framework of the project against trafficking and exploitation of children carried out by the Togo Red Cross, many activities have been implemented by volunteers

including: sensitization sessions,

educative discussions, counselling and a sensitization campaign through the media (press, community radios, posters).

Children affected by trafficking benefited from socio-professional support through

training (sewing, hairstyle, wood work).

<http://www.cri.-togo.ift.fr>



Nepal Red Cross (Social inclusion)

The issue of social inclusion has been added as one of the Values of the NRCS in the 5th Development Plan. Awareness was raised through various mechanisms and activities have started in some of the programs, such as the CDP to actively include and empower marginalized groups in Nepal.

<http://www.nrsc.org>

Spanish RC (Non-discrimination/Non violence)

In order to prevent discriminatory attitudes, the Youth section of the Spanish Red Cross launched a campaign to sensitize young people (6-18 years old) to the reality of immigration in Spain. To date more than 12,200 people in 19 provinces have benefited from this initiative (boys, girls, young educators and social agents). <http://www.cruzroja.es>

Belarus Red Cross (Human Trafficking)

The Belarus Red Cross, working with IOM and public authorities, provides a full rehabilitation service for trafficked persons through its five “*Hands of Help*” centres around the country. When trafficked persons are referred to the centres by the authorities, they are given health checkups as well as psychological support, legal advice, addiction treatment if necessary, accommodation and vocational training to help get them back to work and reintegrate into communities whose first

reaction is often to shun them. Full article available on <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/09/09031201/>



Macedonian Red Cross (Humanitarian values)

100 small projects for community benefit : As a part of its project: *Red Cross in Action- Promotion of Human Values*, the City Red Cross of Skopje has provided training to 1000 newly recruited volunteers in preparing and documenting small projects for community benefit in the areas of strengthening the team activities, communication and promotion of inter-cultural dialogue. In the short period of two and half months they have managed to produce 100 small projects. Representatives of the best projects will attend two workshops, organized in April and May.

ERSTE foundation award: City Red Cross of Skopje with the project *Red Cross in Action-Promotion of Human Values* is one of the six organizations from Macedonia that together with other 65 organizations from 8 countries entered the final round for the Social Integration Award 2009 promoted by Austrian ERSTE foundation. The total number of submitted projects is 1300 from Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Macedonia. The ceremony, when the winner of the award will be promoted, will take place in Bucharest on 25 June.

Seychelles Red Cross (Global campaign)

In March, the SRCS launched an advertisement in the national newspaper as part of the 2009 Global campaign to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Solferino in June. This global campaign “*Our World. Your Move*” is an opportunity to highlight the critical role the Movement plays in addressing major humanitarian challenges facing the world today and the world of tomorrow. Humanitarian actions can and must be harnessed to make the world a better place- Every person can make a difference!



Our Secretariat in Action

Workshop finalizing the toolkit YABC project (Habkern- Switzerland, 23-31 March 2009)



YABC network members from 9 National Societies (Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Israel, Macedonia, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Switzerland and Uganda) participated in an 8 day retreat in Switzerland to continue the development of the **P&V skills-based toolkit to empower youth as agents of behavioural change**.

These youth members, who came together braving snow and long hours of work (not to mention cooking!), ensured that the toolkit will truly be a work by National Societies and for National Societies. Many of these youth have been involved in this project from its early stages and participated in the YABC meeting last September in Geneva and the recent P&V youth gathering in Mali. The IFRC Youth Focal Points also joined.

Participants analyzed numerous non-cognitive exercises from 30 National Societies and used their collective experience to develop new games, role plays, visualizations and activities for the toolkit. In all, participants finalized 90 exercises. The YABC also tested some of the activities during the retreat to ensure that they are not simply informative but will be a fun and powerful experience for all RC/RC youth .

For an inspiring web story written by the IFRC focal point for youth see:
<http://www.ifrc.org/youth/news/2009/0331switzerland/index.asp>



International Women's Day 8 March 2009

"As a child I asked myself why my father fought with my mother every day, but could not find the answer... Sometimes, she would wake up with a swollen face and fear telling the truth... Later, I realized that women in the entire village experienced gender based and sexual violence." (Pascal Akimana)

On 9th March 2009, the P&V Department organized an event to commemorate International Women's Day at the Secretariat. The day was marked with a number of activities, all focusing on this year's IWD theme "**Unite to End Violence Against Women**".

A speech delivered by the Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Ibrahim Osman, pointed out that any form of violence inflicted on another human being is against our Fundamental Principles and underpinning humanitarian values: this includes violence against women and girls. He further emphasized the IFRC commitment to continue working in and through its operations to prevent violence and use the Zero Tolerance Policy towards potential perpetrators among its own ranks. Speech available at: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/speech09/io090309.asp>

Human resources then gave an update on their actions taken to implement the Zero Tolerance Policy.

Pascal Akimana, the guest speaker of the day, was born in Bujumbura, Burundi and is now an activist on gender based violence. He shared his inspirational story as a survivor of violence within his family as well as having witnessed the rape of his sister by soldiers. Raised in an abusive home where his mother was constantly assaulted by his father in front of the entire family, Pascal uses his personal experience to advocate for women's rights and to ensure the involvement of men in finding solutions to gender based violence.

IFRC staff members lit candles in solidarity with those women who are being violated against throughout the world.

Southern Africa Zone

The Zone held an information sharing session to empower both men and women in their workplace. To this end they invited "Life Line Southern Africa" to come and talk about the reality of gender violence within society. Life Line is an organization providing counseling and other community-based services. Specific to the IWD topic, they used their expertise in helping victims and survivors of gender based violence to talk with Zone staff.

"It has been recorded that at least one out of every three women worldwide are beaten, coerced into sex, forced to marry (and in too many cases to marry very early to much older men), or are genitally mutilated. There is a long list of the grave forms of violence that too many women have to experience in their lifetime. In some countries, these rates reach 70%! More women between the ages of 15 to 44 are subject to rape and domestic violence than to cancer, heart disease, AIDS, motor vehicle accidents, or war together".

Ibrahim Osman, Deputy Secretary General, IFRC

Our Secretariat in Action

Tools, products and reports

Tools

New P&V video on Discrimination in disaster response will have now been completed and will be available on Youtube in one month's time.

The Asia Pacific zone's OD Unit will launch 5 new DVDs capturing best practices of Asia Pacific National Societies on a) community and branch development, b) volunteers and youth, c) gender and diversity, d) participatory Planning, and e) resource mobilisation.

The DVDs were filmed in 4 countries representing the cultural diversity of four distinct parts of the zone (Nepal, Cambodia, Mongolia and Australia).

The DVD on Gender and Diversity is particularly interesting. It aims to capture specific best practices at community, volunteer, staff and leadership levels which have promoted tolerance, respect for diversity, gender equity and have challenged discrimination, social exclusion, abuse and exploitation.

For copies please contact john.gwynn@ifrc.org and valli.ponniah@ifrc.org

The British Red Cross

On the website www.redcross.org.uk/education, many free online resources as well as a variety of humanitarian programmes and activities are available. For more information contact: rededucation@redcross.org.uk

Recent activities

Mission to Malawi (8-15 February 2009)

The P&V Senior gender officer together with the **Southern Africa Zone** HIV Coordinator, visited Malawi in February 2009. The objectives were to gain a better understanding of the current level of GBV-related activities implemented by the MRCS; to explore ways to formalize MRCS' contribution to the community Justice for Women and Children Project, in partnership with UNICEF and the Malawian Ministry of Women and Child Development; and to identify potential areas to better integrate GBV prevention and response into ongoing HIV programme activities and discuss ways forward with all stakeholders.

P&V support to Regional Gender Based Violence Strategies

The P&V department, through its senior gender officer, is currently assisting the **zonal office in South Africa** in the development of a regional GBV strategy to be applied within the Global Alliance on HIV/AIDS framework and programme "Rising to the Challenge". A literature review was conducted in January, followed by field visits in January and February to assess the current level of GBV prevention and response implementation through RC/RC National Societies in the Southern African Region.

Based on the findings of the mission and the literature review, a concrete GBV/HIV strategy is being developed. A first draft of the GBV strategy was presented to the Global Alliance network meeting in Johannesburg on 8 & 9 April. Recommendations and feedback of this forum will inform the final GBV into HIV strategy to be implemented in future HIV programmes within the Southern African region.

Update on the Implementation of Pledge 101 within the Federation



The 30th International Conference opened Pledge 101 on Abuse of power in fieldwork for signature. This pledge calls for the adoption and implementation of a 'zero tolerance' approach towards sexual exploitation and abuse.

In November 2007, 13 National Societies signed the pledge (5 African: Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique; 1 from Asia-Pacific: Australia; 3 European: Switzerland, Slovenia and Spain; 4 from the Americas: Belize, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname and Canada). The evaluation criterion to measure success is to reach 80% of National Societies signing up the Pledge 101. To date, the figure of 13 initial signatories has not increased.

When celebrating International Women's Day on 9th March, the IFRC Human Resources department provided an update on implementation measures within the secretariat and identified the following gaps:

- There is no clear structured reporting framework within the Federation;
- The majority of our managers have not yet received training on handling complaints, secure filing etc.
- There is still a lack of confidentiality.

In Pledge 101, the International Federation also pledged to assist National Societies in promoting safe environments for all vulnerable populations, especially children within their own institutions and throughout their operations and programs. An **overview of operational measures** to protect beneficiaries from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse needs to be conducted.

On IWD, the need for IFRC to ensure our collaboration within the framework set up by the United Nations Secretary General on Zero Tolerance Policy, was also highlighted.

IFRC New York Office attended the recent IASC meeting on PSEXA (11th March). This meeting had been called in and was chaired by OCHA. The agenda of the meeting was on:

- An independent external PSEXA review;
- Institutionalization of PSEXA;
- Revitalized coordination on PSEXA;
- PSEXA accountability framework.

During the meeting, agencies agreed to have an external review with focus on stock taking and identification of gaps. A follow-up meeting at the Principals level will be called for soon.

The Secretariat is now in the process to further delineate clear management responsibilities to ensure best implementation of PSEXA within house. It will further communicate with National Societies to sign pledge 101, to achieve the objective of pledge 101, as well as to honour its commitments as member of the IASC framework.

Our Secretariat in Action

Technical Assistance Gender

P&V is providing technical assistance on gender in an “upon demand” manner. During the past months assistance was provided on a talking paper “women and health” (presented to the Health Commission), as well as technical support to the Swedish Red Cross on gender activities, and the Irish Red Cross on a gender proposal to IrishAid. Close working relationships with all technical units are encouraged and several have been established. This cooperation will contribute to the mainstreaming and strengthening of gender issues within all in-house tools and policies.

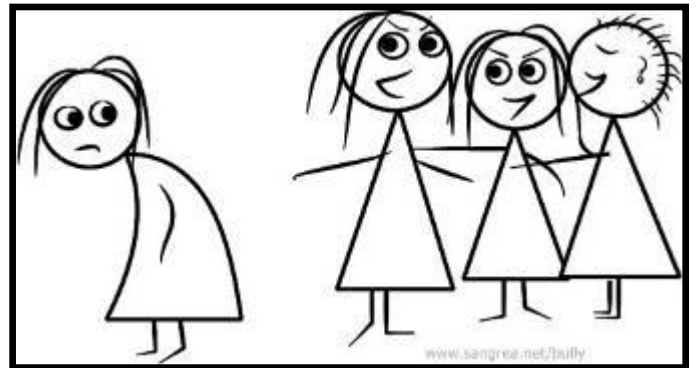
P&V department consultation with the Youth Commission on the development of the IFRC Global Strategy addressing the social culture of violence

On Thursday 19th of March, the P&V Department participated in the Youth Commission meeting for a consultation on the role of youth in the development of the IFRC Global Strategy on addressing the social culture of violence. After the high-level meeting on violence, held in December 2008, the working group is currently preparing a draft strategy document. The appointed focal points are working now on the development of thematic papers on several types of violence. In order to help the working group to integrate the perspective of youth in the strategy, the P&V Department asked for the feedback of the Youth Commission members on the main needs and concerns of youth regarding violence prevention and the role that young people can take in addressing violence prevention, mitigation and response.

The members highlighted violence as a great challenge facing youth. Violence reduces the living sphere of safety, security and self-esteem of youth; it negatively affects the development of their personality, making youth victims of violence reserved and fearful to interact with others; and provokes isolation, depression, loneliness and social exclusion of youth. The Youth Commission listed the following types of violence as the most important to address within the strategy: internet pornography; violence in the media (games/TV/internet); violence related to stress (work, peer, and school pressure); harmful socio-cultural practices against children; and substance abuse. The Commission members summarized some interesting strategies and activities developed by the National Societies to address violence affecting youth: youth camps; peer and non-formal education; awareness-raising campaigns; help lines for and by youth; psycho-social peer support; safe havens for endangered youth; or the involving of youth perpetrators of violence within National Societies youth activities.

It was recommended to use a clear and simple style in the strategy in order to make it accessible by all, including Red Cross Red Crescent youth volunteers.

During July-August, the first official draft of the strategy will be circulated to the network and their amendments and suggestions will be integrated into the official final draft to be submitted for adoption to the Governing Board in November 2009. Before November, an update on the work in progress will be provided by the IFRC Secretary General to the Governing Board in May (4-6, Paris). More info available on: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw151784.asp>



Consultation with the Youth Commission on the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) Project. The P&V department updated the Youth Commission on the progress of the Project, which is actively supported by the Commission. The latter expressed its support for the idea to organize a YABC side-event during the General Assembly, to be held in November in Kenya.

Integration of P&V into operations

- P&V conducted Secretariat interviews for the SCHR-led review on accountability towards beneficiaries in operations.
- Preparatory work with zones to launch a P&V baseline study.

Red Cross/Red Crescent 2009 Malaria Planning Meeting (27-29th January in Johannesburg). The meeting gathered more than 50 participants from National Societies and IFRC including National Societies. The Canadian Red Cross' RespectED Programme gave a presentation on prevention of abuse and gender based violence. The presentation on Gender and Child Protection are available on <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw151784.asp>

Upcoming Atlantis V youth camp

The P&V Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change skills-based toolkit will be on the agenda of the Atlantis V youth camp, organised by the Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean in August, Morocco.

In the frame of the “*European Year for Creativity and Innovation*”, the Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean is also organizing the **1st Photo Contest for Youth in the Mediterranean about “Environment and Climate Change”**, from different angles such as human rights, migration, gender and intercultural dialogue.

This competition is open to all youth between the ages of 18 and 30 who live within the 25 countries of the Mediterranean Conference or countries neighbouring these 25. Send up to three photos until the 30th of May. The winner will participate in the Youth Camp Atlantis V.

External materials and developments

Inter-Agency Standing E-Learning Initiative on Gender Mainstreaming in Humanitarian Action, 18-20 March 2009, hosted by InterAction, Washington D.C. The Initiative was spearheaded by OCHA in collaboration with InterAction, and was co-chaired by the International Rescue Committee and WHO. The certificate-based e-course provides illustrative examples to help humanitarian workers learn how to develop best practices for the delivery of emergency programming to ensure that the needs and capacities of women, girls, boys and men are met inclusively in humanitarian situations. For the concept paper: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw151784.asp>

"Wandering young people: the conditions for return". The European Forum for Urban Safety together with Terre des hommes - Child Relief presented on 26th of March in Brussels this study on the reintegration of isolated minors victims of trafficking. Full document available on: http://www.fesu.org/uploads/media/Wandering_young_people_the_conditions_for_return_02.pdf

New OECD index measures causes of gender discrimination

On International Women's Day, the OECD Development Centre presented a new index to track the causes of gender discrimination in 102 developing countries.

While other ratings tend to focus on the outcomes of inequality such as personal income, the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) draws on 12 innovative variables to take into account the ways in which women in many developing countries are deprived of social and economic development.

<http://www.oecd.org>

A New OHCHR Handbook for civil society is now available:

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights unveiled its new guide *Working with the UN Human Rights Programme: A Handbook for Civil Society*. <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/NewCivilSocietyHandbook.aspx>

"Undocumented Children in Europe: Invisible Victims of Immigration Restrictions"

new publication of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM). The report is specifically focused on the discrimination that these children might face in accessing their basic social rights in the areas of education, health care and housing. www.picum.org

GAVI Alliance promotes Gender equality in immunization.

The Gavi Alliance has started implementing a pro-active gender policy into its work to ensure equal access to immunization for boys and girls. Further information available on <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw151784.asp>

Call for more rights for women in HIV/AIDS care giving.

"Too many women shoulder the heaviest burden in caring for people living with HIV and AIDS", Deputy UN Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro said on 2nd March 2009 in New York at the opening of the 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women, calling for greater balance in responsibilities between men and women. <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm>

Global Economic downturn imperils human rights. The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution on 23rd February highlighting the threat posed by the global financial and economic crises on the realization of human rights and development goals.

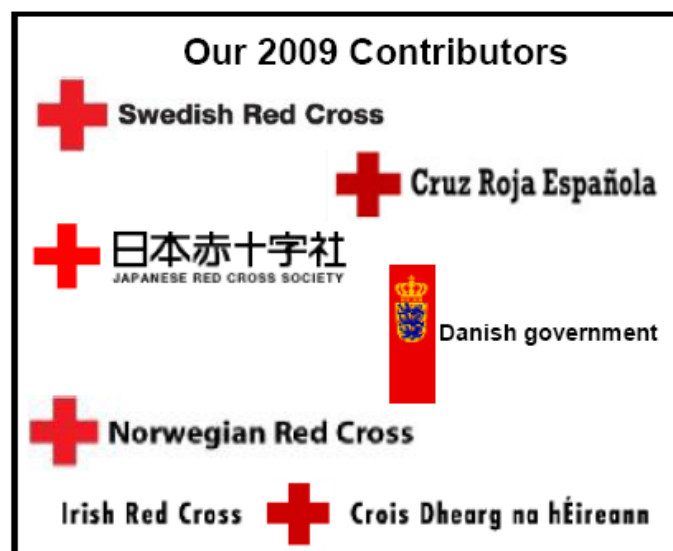
Seminar on migration: Unaccompanied minors and forced returns.

The Seminar organized in Strasbourg on 19-20 February and hosted by the **French Red Cross** and the Council of Europe, provided a valuable occasion in which experts (over **40 NS, the ICRC and the IFRC**) could exchange views related to migration in Europe and inform the Council of Europe on the humanitarian dimensions of this increasing trend. It was also an opportunity to more clearly define a common position on the forced returns of migrants and on the family reunification of unaccompanied (vulnerable) migrant minors in Europe.

http://www.coe.int/t/dc/files/themes/migration/default_EN.asp?

UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (Bonn, 31 March to 2 April).

http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=57471&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html



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- **Spanish Red Cross**, for their interest and efforts to host the upcoming TOT meeting (May) on the YABC toolkit, and in particular **Aitor Murciano**, Youth Director.
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