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ACTIVITIES

●**Collection of Best Practices:** The CCM is working on putting into practice a common platform for putting information about best practices and programs of the Mediterranean National Societies. The objective of this database is to transfer knowledge about the principle themes of the Mediterranean Conference. Through the collection of information, the Mediterranean National Societies will be able to access different programs that have already been used or are under development, as well as also being able to have a greater understanding of the complexity of the options that can emerge.



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In accordance with its mission and following the recommendations of the Mediterranean Conference and the IFRC 2020 Strategy, the CCM responds to their partners' demands about the necessity of developing better lines of communication with other National Societies to create an interconnected space. This tool was presented during the Mediterranean Exchange of best practices about social inclusion programs that took place in December in Spain.

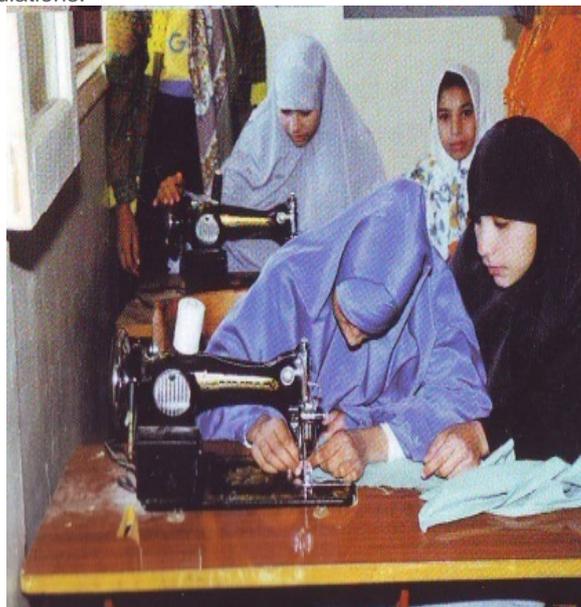
Thus far, information has been received from various National Societies about social intervention, Principles and Values promotion, and Youth programs. The tool will be useful for everyone in the events in which the National Societies contribute with information about their programs in different themes of the Mediterranean Conference (migrants, role of youth, principles and values, social inclusion, and environment and climate change). Because of this, we would like to encourage all the National Societies to make the creation possible of this exchange platform of knowledge and to send us information about the programs in progress.

They will be able to find more information about this tool and forms to send information on the CCM webpage.

●**Mediterranean Seminar for the Promotion of Employment:** Under the title "Building nets: Employability promotion in times of crisis," the CCM and the Portuguese Red Cross are organizing a seminar about the promotion of employment, placing special emphasis on the effects of the economic crisis on the most vulnerable groups, in collaboration with "la Caixa" Foundation. The meeting is open to all the Mediterranean National Societies and other relevant groups and will take place in Lisbon, on November 15 and 16. In order to present the topics, they are hoping for the participation of, among others, representatives of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the European Commission, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

On the morning of the first day, presentations will take place about social the current scenario at Mediterranean level, as well as about the impact of the crisis on the most vulnerable groups. During the second day, the conferences will focus on the reduction of poverty and the promotion of development and on the strengthening of skills of the most disadvantaged people. During the afternoons, the seminar will work in two parallel workshops: social inclusion through employment and the promotion of entrepreneurship, as well as an exchange of best practices and experiences.

The seminar will be framed in the strategic objectives of the IFRC 2020 Strategy, especially those which refer to the promotion of social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace, as well as saving lives, protecting livelihoods, and supporting recovery after disasters and crises. In addition, the seminar will follow up with the commitments of the 11th Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent that took place in 2010 in Dubrovnik, where the social effect of the global economic crisis on the most vulnerable groups was treated as a humanitarian question of vital importance. In this context, access to employment is a key factor in improving the living conditions and livelihoods of the populations.



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Location: Lisbon (Portugal)
Dates: November 15-16, 2011

[Seminar on Employment promotion](#)

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● **Mediterranean Youth Photo Contest “Youth and Volunteering”**: “Running against AIDS”, taken by Mihailo Rakonjac (volunteer from the Red Cross of Serbia), was chosen as the winner of this year’s photo contest, “Youth and Volunteering”. Maria Teresa Berná Martínez (volunteer from the Spanish Red Cross) came in second place. The winning photos were chosen by a jury following four criteria: adherence to the theme, artistic quality of the photo, and how well it communicated the values of the Red Cross/Red Crescent. The winner was invited to participate in the Mediterranean Youth Camp Atlantis VII in Hammamet, Tunisia during the first week of July. The second prize was a digital camera. All finalists’ photos will be displayed at Atlantis VII and uploaded on the CCM website.

The theme, “Youth and Volunteering,” was chosen in accordance with the European Commission and the United Nations recognition of the International and European Year of Volunteers and Volunteering, as well as the United Nations declaration of 2011 as the International Year of Youth. The contest has been organized by the CCM in order to follow-up with the recommendations of the Mediterranean Conference on the Role of Youth. The goal was to raise awareness on issues regarding the role of volunteering within communities and to help youth realize their potential to create positive change in the world and express themselves creatively.

Youths from 18 to 30 were invited from Mediterranean countries and neighbouring ones to submit photos that expressed ideas of the role of youth as related to volunteering.

[Mediterranean Photo Contest](#)



First Prize: Running against Aids, by Mihailo Rakonjac (Serbia)



Second prize: Atlantis VI, by Maria Teresa Berná (Spain)

● **Atlantis VII Youth Camp “Young volunteers in Action”**: The CCM in collaboration with the Tunisian Red Crescent has organized the seventh edition of the youth camp Atlantis. The meeting of youth volunteers, between 18 and 28 years of age, from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the Mediterranean took place in Hammamet (Tunisia), from July 2 to July 9. Atlantis VII Youth Camp has had the support of UNEP, through RACCP, and the IFRC MENA Zone.



Atlantis VII had 68 participants, including volunteers from 18 countries: Algeria, Andorra, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Palestine, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey.

Atlantis is established as a meeting point and an exchange of experiences between the youth of the RC/RC that participate, as well as a learning camp. Since 2011 is the International and European Year of Volunteering and the International Year of Youth, the motto of Atlantis was “Young volunteers in action.” Therefore, workshops different workshops were organized where participants worked on volunteer management (facilitated by the Spanish RC), as well as on the role of youth as agents of behavioral change (facilitated by the Tunisian RC and the IFRC North of Africa Office).

On the other hand, Atlantis combines the learning of theoretical knowledge and its implementation. As such, the participants improved their knowledge about the Principles and Values of the RC/RC Movement (facilitated by the Lebanese RC), as well as worked on their leadership skills (facilitated by the Italian RC). Environmental education was also included, following the agreement of the National Societies about sustainable use of the environment and climate change (facilitated by UNEP’s Regional Activity Centre For Cleaner Production).

They also discussed about the difficult situation in North of Africa due to the movement of refugees from Libya towards the Egyptian and Tunisian borders. In a special session, the IFRC presented its program about migration related to the role of youth, as well as presented its global strategy about the prevention of violence. Also, a practical workshop was organized about reducing risks during a disaster and volunteer action (facilitated by the Tunisian RC).

In the upcoming weeks, a complete report of the camp will be developed and the principle conclusions will be disseminated.

Location: Hammamet (Tunisia)
Dates: July 2-9, 2011

VOLUNTEERS CORNER



Name: Amira Ben Ali
Age: 26
Tunisian Red Crescent

● Since when have you been a volunteer for your National Society?

I joined the Tunisian Red Crescent in 2006 during training on first aid, since it has become the reason for my existence.

● What is your current commitment as a volunteer?

Currently I serve as the national representative of youth. I am in charge of training youth volunteers from different local committees and motivating them to take initiative and think about projects for the community. Because of this, we regularly organize national seminars about "new" themes, such as climate change.

● How did you hear about your National Society?

At first it was by accident; a friend asked me to go with her to do attend training on first aid, and I agreed. In fact, I said to myself that although I wasn't able to save lives, thanks to this training, without a doubt, I would be able to reduce the damage. After doing the training, I became a volunteer. The Principles and Values of the Movement were in perfect alignment with mine. It was like love at first sight!!!

● What information about the International RC/RC Movement did you know before you decided to become a volunteer?

Before joining the TRC, I had a very vague idea of the Movement; for me (as for many people in Tunisia), the Red Crescent was synonymous with blood donation, nothing more, nothing less.

● Why did you join the Tunisian Red Crescent?

As I said before, I share the Principles and Values of the Movement, and I feel very involved in the TRC activities. My volunteering in the TRC allows me to learn a lot of things and be very close to the people, the real people...

● In a few words, how would you describe your experience as volunteer of the Red Crescent?

In sociology, the concept of "existential authenticity," which could be described as "the real self," is often talked about. For me, it is my integration in the TRC that has allowed me to live this type of feeling. Through volunteering and trying every day to help the disadvantaged people, I have discovered new facets of myself; I have felt more sure and more proud of myself.

It is difficult to explain, but it is completely extraordinary and genuine!!



● What has been your favourite experience as volunteer of the Red Crescent thus far?

At a national level, without a doubt it has been my experience in Ras Jdir (on the border of Libya and Tunisia). Unfortunately, I have not been able to spend more than three weeks there due to my professional obligations, but I have experienced important moments where happiness and sadness have mixed. The happiness of being able to experience and see the generosity of the volunteers and the Tunisian citizens and the sadness of seeing thousands of people, including women and children, braving the borders and leaving their lives, their stories behind them...

At an international level, it has been my participation in the 150th anniversary of the Movement, in 2009, in Solferino. There, I had the honor of holding the flag "Humanity" with a volunteer named "Seibou" from the Ivory Coast.

● In your opinion, which aspects of the Red Cross/RedCrescent Movement stand out the most?

Its universal character, the act of thinking about all the corners of the planet, the volunteers like you, they all share the same Principles and Values and act for the same cause. For me, it is extraordinary, it is as if you had roots in every country in the world.



Official Name: Tunisian Red Crescent

Date of foundation: 78 October 7, 1965, member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement since May 6, 1957

Main programs: The TRC operates essentially on six priority fields of action: **dissemination** of the International Humanitarian Law and the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent; the **health education** and prevention (prevention of STI-AIDS, prevention of diseases, psychological support, and maternal and infant health; social support, especially in regards to national and religious holidays, mainly during the month of Ramadan, in support of the most needy and vulnerable people; training on **first aid** on a household level, with the goal of preventing accidents on job sites, in public spaces, and in travel places like beaches, etc.; the **Youth**, given that they are both the principle actors and the target group: training, capacity building, exchange, volunteering, and finally, **first aid**, in case of natural disasters or catastrophes.

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OPINION

Youth of Change - Egyptian Revolution

Why do we consider Youth as the initiator & the key success of the “Anger Revolution” in Egypt?

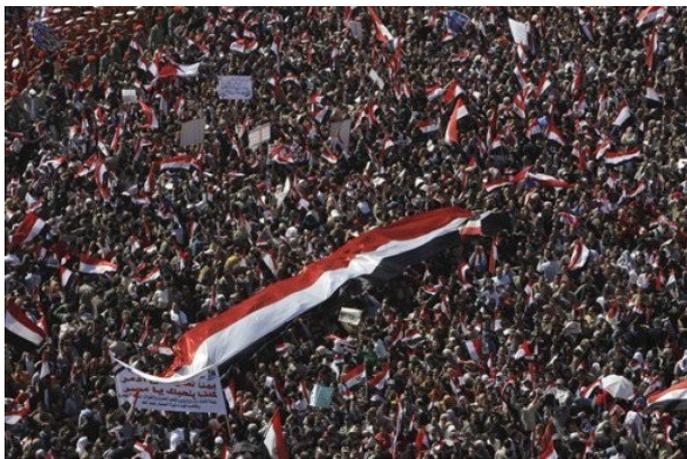
Several factors fuelled the revolutionary spirit in Egyptian youth ...Simply they were nearly the most affected by the corruption of the prior regime, their basic needs were neglected over years and years with a result of high rates of unemployment, very low income & the most important ...No hope in tomorrow.

Youth entered a stage of loss & disappointment. The loss of sense of belonging was the common factor among Egyptian youth, and the dream of migration was as a national youth dream!!

Facebook was just a mean to waste time, chatting and playing games, but it transformed into an invaluable tool when Egyptian activists used it during the revolution as their main communication tool to make information quickly and easily accessible to millions of people to arrange their demonstrations against the non justice & corruption of the regime.

On what has become known as “The Day of Revolt” —January 25, 2011— thousands of Egyptian youth took to the streets to protest the regime of authoritarian leader Mubarak, and so began one of the most successful and influential peaceful protests in history. Youth managed to arrange the largest demonstrations ever in the history of Egypt to demand their legal rights in their Country. Egyptian youth revolutionaries raised their voices in opposition to the extreme poverty, rampant unemployment, increased police brutality and government corruption that had enveloped their nation during the past years.

At the beginning No one imagined that they may success, and the regime bet that they will lose their motivation in couple days, but young revolutionaries struggled without fear to hold on their rights and were Juggling to maintain pressure on the ground and they gained more courage & more motivation over days where the demonstrators had camped in Alexandria “Al Manshia square”, Suez “Al Arba’ien square”, and the most famous “Al- Tahrir” square in Cairo which means in Arabic “ Liberation “ square ...



Although this revolution was organized, inspired by, and executed by youth who utilized social networking sites as tools to inspire and create real, tangible political change, but after that all sectors of the Egyptian society from all over Egypt joined them, women, elders, handicapped, Muslims & Copts, and even children were there transforming it into a popular revolution.

Youth arranged themselves into committees to arrange their stay in the square like a one big family; security committee to check all people entering the square to ensure there is no hidden weapons with them, technical committee to set up sound system and screen to follow the TV news on air, medical committee those established tens of field clinics to offer first aid to the victims.

Also youth made use of their excellent knowledge with technology -that the prior regime lacked- to transmit the situation in Tahrir on air and second by second via hundreds of video shots on Youtube, quick short news on Twitter, arranging their meeting points & changes in plans via SMS and of course the Facebook was the star of technology in this revolution as an independent mean of communication.



The master scene was there in Tahrir shortly after the resign of Mubarak, In a gesture to a new beginning, youth protesters cleaned up and renovated Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the demonstrations, to be the first time in the history that protestors after a successful revolution clean their place & leave it as neat, that impressed the followers & observers from all over the world.

Until now, youth keep on going to Tahrir square in Cairo & Alexandria to demonstrate for the original demands of the revolution, appreciating the exerted efforts and ensure their existence & motivation till the end.

The Egyptian people have shown the world that nothing is impossible when united people are committed to the realization of an idea.

Young Egyptians wanted to change their community to the better... They faced arrest, torture, and even death for their actions, and still they persevered...they were ready for change... they did their best... and they managed to make it...

In fact they have not only changed the history of their country for the better, but they have shown beyond a doubt what we as the youth of the world are able to accomplish. They are such an example of “Youth of Change”

By Tamer Ahmad and Amal Emam

PARTNERSHIP

●“Finding the volunteer inside you” – Agadir: In the frame of the International and European Years of Volunteering and the International Year of Youth and following the recommendations of the Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Red Crescent of Morocco—Agadir launch the campaign “finding the volunteer inside you” in the frame of the activities for the national week 8-15 of May.



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The idea is to give youth between the ages of 12 and 25 who volunteer for the MRC the opportunity to join humanitarian work through activities addressed to the most vulnerable people in their community, such as distributing food, blood donation campaigns, awareness workshops for HIV-AIDS, with an open-minded philosophy, flexibility, and mutual respect. The aim is to sensitize the youth to be conscious of each gesture can make a change and increase their commitment in serving vulnerable groups and their ability to motivate volunteers in their communities.

●World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day: On May 8, all over the world acts of celebration of the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day took place. This year, following the celebration of the International Year of Volunteering +10, the important contribution of volunteers was recognized, as well as the special importance that they have for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

For its part, the CCM, through its Vice President, Ms. *Marta Corachán*, was invited to participate in the Moroccan Red Crescent's Official Ceremony for the World Day. Princess Lalla Malika, presided over the celebration that took place at the National Library of Rabat. On this occasion, the Moroccan Red Crescent also celebrated events of its National Week.

[Morocco Red Crescent](#)

●Cooperation between the Moroccan and Spanish networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation: During April 15th and April 17th, 2011, the Anna Lindh Foundation met in Tangier with its Moroccan and Spanish networks in the seminar “Building Bridges of Dialogue on the Strait.” It consisted of the first opportunity in which the two networks of the Foundation pertaining to the North and South of the Mediterranean demonstrated their willingness to work together in defining a strategy and program of action in the form of an intercultural dialogue.

Approximately 80 representatives of organizations of civil societies of both countries, including the CCM, met in order to define concrete proposals for the future working plan. The battle against stereotypes and the cooperation between networks and distinct administrations are two of the areas in which the ALF networks will work during the upcoming months.

[Anna Lindh Foundation - IEMed](#)

●Experts Conference on Red Cross Crisis Programs: The Spanish Red Cross in Catalonia met this past may in *la Casa del Mar de Barcelona*, with more than 200 practitioners with the objective of evaluating the projects of the organization to reduce the impact of the crisis and to plan new ways of action through *working groups*.

The day began with reports from the Red Cross where they reviewed its action and the changes to the organization in order to improve its efficiency in the context of the current crisis. They also presented the Observatory of Vulnerability, which is a new instrument of the Red Cross in Catalonia for analyzing the needs of the project's beneficiaries and to set up them in a way that can respond to their demands. The Observatory of Vulnerability shared the conclusions of its first report “The impact of the crisis on families and childhood.”

Later, the participants divided themselves into four working groups to identify future lines or action. The group in charge of basic assistance projects across the territory highlighted the necessity of post-project reinforcement for homeless people. The group working on attention to infancy and vulnerable families advocated for improving the programs aimed at children between 0 and 3 years. The group “weaving strategic alliances” emphasized the need to continue working on coordination and communication between the different territorial levels. The group for “the improvement in the efficacy in serving people” identified the necessity that people involved in the projects know the final objectives and that they form part of the same “chain of values.”



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The CCM was invited to participate in the Conference, and Mr. Tore Svenning, Director of Organizational Development for the IFRC European Zone was invited as well. Mr. Svenning was charged with introducing the IRFC's vision concerning the impact of the crisis in Europe as a whole, through the conclusions that were taken from a study that the Zone Office had completed with the European National Societies.

[Spanish Red Cross in Catalonia](#)

●Partnership on Sustainable Development: The CCM and the Data Centre on Environment and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Basin based in Palermo (Italy) as part of Legambiente - the biggest Italian environmental association - have recently started a new partnership. This new collaboration consists in the exchange of information related to environmental issues in the Mediterranean and it aims to enrich the database of the Italian Centre in order to develop further networks at regional level, as both entities are concerned with a variety of issues relating to environment and the challenges it currently faces throughout the region.

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● **International Year of Volunteers:** Aiming to enhance the recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteer service 10 years after the first International Year of Volunteers was proclaimed, the UN has officially proclaimed 2011 the International Year of Volunteering under the IYV + 10 initiatives. Many activities have been boosted at national level as well as on the World Volunteer Web where organizations are welcomed to tell their stories about volunteering and share them worldwide. From March to June, stakeholders from more than 95 countries convened on four continents to exchange experiences and practices of volunteerism from their countries and regions. Meetings took place in Ecuador, Turkey, The Philippines and two in Senegal. These regional meetings have really built the momentum for international celebrations to mark IYV+10 in 2011. The conclusions drawn from the five sets of discussions will provide further inputs to the Global Volunteerism Conference in Budapest, Hungary, in September and the two planned sessions of the UN General Assembly in New York in December.

Many stakeholders have joined the celebration of the International Year, reaffirming and underlining the role of volunteers as the pillars of society. The European Union, having proclaimed 2011 the European Year of Volunteering and aiming to involve all level of civil society in the EU through the fostering of volunteering policy debates at national and regional level, will focus its next activities on the ongoing Tour around EU countries in order to provide volunteers with the opportunity to exhibit their work, meet one another, engage with policy-makers and the general public, convey their energy and enthusiasm, and discuss key issues for the future of their work.

2011 is a remarkable opportunity for creating a lasting impact in tackling today's most pressing humanitarian challenges, while also reflecting the important role of the Red Cross Red Crescent in meeting the Millennium Development Goals. In this context, the International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent will keep focusing the upcoming activities on the **protection**, **recognition**, and **promotion** of volunteering globally.



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In order to support National Societies in addressing humanitarian challenges, a resolution on volunteerism will be presented at the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent to be held in Geneva from the 28th November to the 1st December, gathering delegates from 186 National Societies, more than 190 governments, and the IFRC and the ICRC.

[IFRC - Volunteers](#)
[World Volunteers Web](#)

● **World Blood Donor Day: A day to say THANK YOU!** On June 14, the world celebrated World Blood Donor Day (WBDD). Implemented by the World Health Organization, the IFRC, the International Federation of Blood Donor Organizations, and the International Society of Blood Transfusions, the events of this year have had two objectives: educate the public about the necessity of blood and safe blood products and to thank the volunteer donors who are not compensated for their altruism. The motto of the WBCC this year was "More Blood. More Life.", and the world-wide event took place in Buenos Aires (Argentina).

In accordance with the WBDD, last year the CCM organized a Mediterranean Youth Exchange to improve cooperation concerning blood donation and the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other infections. As a result of the exchange, participants promised to implement activities for diffusion and the promotion of blood donation for the year 2011.



Thus, for example, the Italian Red Cross, using the commemorative events on a national level of the 150 years of the unification of Italy, chose Turin (the first capital of a united Italy) as the official city for the events of June 14. At the same time, various initiatives took place all over the national territory: informational and public awareness days and workshops and activities for the public, concentrating on all of the regions that participated in the experimental project of the ItRC to educate the public about blood donation, "Club 25" (Lazio, Lombardy, and Sicily).

For its part, the Spanish Red Cross in Catalonia participated in the official event of the World Day organized by the Blood and Tissue Bank and by the Catalan Federation of Blood Donors, where a new blood donor license was presented. Throughout the territory, the Youth Red Cross put on activities for promoting and educating the public about blood donation.

[World Blood Donors Day](#)

● **Chair UNESCO for Intercultural Dialogue:** Under the title of "Identity Conflicts in the Middle East and Turkey, the Revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt", the Chair UNESCO for Intercultural Dialogue of the *University Rovira i Virgili* in Tarragona in collaboration with the *Institut Català Internacional per a la pau* have hosted its summer school, last 5-6 of July. The summer school targeted the issues of diversity, identity and conflicts in Turkey and the Middle East and the current revolutions in the Arab world and the role of minorities.

Among the speakers, two young researchers participated, volunteers as well of the CCM, Noor Ogly and Rana Haffar. Two other youth professionals, in this case volunteers of the Egyptian Red Crescent, Tamer Ahmad and Amal Emam, were also invited to share their point of view.

The CCM was also invited to participate in the event, regarding its role as an agent of dialogue and promoter of partnership in the region, alongside with many other NGOs and academic institutions actively working in the Mediterranean Region and the Arab world.

[Chair Unesco - URV](#)

●Mediterranean tragedies highlight the need to safeguard the rights and requirements of migrants

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) expresses its deep concern at reports that hundreds of migrants may have perished attempting to cross the Mediterranean since the start of the year.

While such migration is not a new phenomenon, and provides a lucrative income for people smugglers, the escalation of violence and the plight of the civilian population in several Middle Eastern and North African countries has resulted in a severe deterioration of the humanitarian situation.

In one particularly harrowing case, it is alleged that 61 migrants from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ghana and Sudan died after 16 days at sea without fuel, food or water. The Red Cross/Red Crescent principle of impartiality “endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.” The IFRC underlines the need to support vulnerable migrants, regardless of their legal status, and to offer them lifesaving humanitarian assistance.

The IFRC Policy on Migration, adopted at the IFRC General Assembly in Nairobi less than two years ago compels us to do more and calls for solidarity: “National Societies in countries along the migratory trails will work together to optimise their humanitarian action, including the restoration of family links. This requires a focus on situations and conditions in which migrants all along their journey are especially susceptible to risks.”

The migration trails from Nigeria or Ethiopia to the southern Mediterranean coast is highly perilous – across desert, through conflict zones and takes many days and at times weeks to complete. The equally difficult onward journey across the Mediterranean is seasonal, picking up in the summer when the weather is kinder and temporary jobs are available in Europe. The IFRC foresaw that 2011 would see increased movement as people fled instability in North Africa and the Gulf.

A special meeting was therefore convened in Rome in March and issued the following unequivocal statement: “All those fleeing for survival must be allowed to reach areas of safety [...] States should ensure that migrants’ basic needs are met, that they are treated with dignity, are not the subject of discriminatory treatment, and have access to basic services such as health, food and education.”

The IFRC welcomes certain States’ commitment to provide humanitarian assistance, protection and other services to those fleeing violence from North Africa. We urge all States to respect the human rights of these migrants under international law, to ensure they are treated with dignity, and to allow all those fleeing to reach a safe haven.

Matthias Schmale, Under Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
[IFRC](http://www.ifrc.org)



YABC – 2011 Summit on Non-Violence and Peace

The Italian place of Jesolo will welcome, from September 5th to the 11th, a YABC Summit organized by the IFRC, the Italian Red Cross, and the CCM. Youth from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from Africa, Europe, and the Mediterranean will meet for training in the promotion of a culture of non-violence and peace and to become YABC peer educators.

YABC is an initiative of the IFRC developed by the Principles and Values Department. The objective of this initiative is to train youth to behave in a way that exemplifies our Fundamental Principles and that inspires “a positive transformation of mindset, attitudes, and behavior within their communities.”

In line with the IFRC 2020 Strategy, the Youth Declaration, and the Declaration of Dubrovnik, this Summit will be a crucial opportunity to build a platform that puts intercultural dialogue into practice, representing the Mediterranean as a “bridge” between Europe and Africa.



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The participants will be able to be trained as YABC educators, in Arabic, Spanish, French, English, or Russian. The subjects that will be developed during the summit coincide with the YABC initiative—peer education, communication, motivation and learning, personal development and proficiency, or community participation.

During the training the seven Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values will be specifically emphasized, as well as non-discrimination and respect for diversity. In addition, the importance of intercultural dialogue, social inclusion, and a culture of non-violence and peace will be stressed.

[YABC Summit 2011](#)

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