Children learn hygiene messages from trained volunteers in the Solomon Islands.
Governance essentials
Message from a president

Following eight years of service as president of the Australian Red Cross, Greg Vickery offers well-tested advice to fellow governance members:

Being elected as the president or senior volunteer of your National Society is a great honour entrusted to only a few people in each country. The organisation commands such global respect that one must take the role very seriously. It requires a wholehearted commitment and all key activities of your Society must be prioritised. I have not missed a Red Cross board meeting at state, national or international level in over 30 years. I try to have dates set a year in advance. I organise all my work and family commitments around these dates. I have missed family birthdays, weddings and funerals if they clash with key meetings. My view is that if you can’t devote sufficient time to the role of president, you should stand aside and give another person a go.

Another learning from my eight years as president of Australian Red Cross is the need for open and honest communication, with fellow board managers, your secretary general and senior staff, members, volunteers, donors and your key government contacts. As well as good news, bad news should never be hidden. The last we want is for the local press to publicise bad news before you get the chance to tell others in your society and prepare a media strategy.

Presidents should always be alert to risks, and ask the “what if things go wrong” questions. Presidents also need to be alert to new opportunities for their National Society to move into areas where the Red Cross can either benefit or make a difference. There are always extra resources out there if we can ask the right questions of the right people.

The president must ensure that the board sticks to its governance role of planning and policy setting, with an overall oversight of society activities and monitoring of the performance of the secretary general. It is critical to stay away from day-to-day management, unless individual board members are requested to get involved. Having said that, it is of critical importance that governance and management have confidence in each other and work well together. The president and secretary general need to work closely and have no secrets. Presidents must review the performance of their secretary general periodically, taking into account the views of board members. If this key relationship works well, it will usually cascade down to other board members and senior managers, which goes a long way to ensuring the overall good health of the Society. Red Cross deserves nothing less!
Management essentials
National Society financial management: Who does what?

In finance management, each National Society is a chain made of several links. For the whole system to work properly, each link must hold its position. It is everyone’s responsibility to make sure that finances are properly managed and monitored.

Long-term decisions, directions and policies are the responsibility of the governance (president, treasurer, finance committee and governing board) – with the support of managers. Day-to-day management of the National Society is the responsibility of managers (secretary general, finance manager, programme managers). Management provides regular financial and narrative reports, so that governance can make proper decisions.

Primary responsibilities of governance (supported by management):
• Set policies and procedures.
• Ensure that there is a clear organizational chart with clear roles and budgets for each position.
• Check budget versus actual expenditure each quarter, provide feedback on financial management and direction.
• Decide how to invest unused unrestricted funds.

Primary responsibilities of management (supervised by governance):
• Ensure that procedures are followed and transactions are documented.
• Promote real-time accounting by posting financial transactions on a daily basis.
• Check accounts and ledgers on a daily or weekly basis.
• Monitor working advances, ensuring prompt acquittals.
• Check cash balances on a monthly basis, and anticipate future shortages by calling cash from donors.
• Check bank, petty cash and treasury on a weekly basis.
• Check budget versus actual expenditure for each project every month.
• Ensure that annual audits are carried out on time, and that recommendations are implemented.
• Maintain and monitor an assets register.
Red Cross Responds to Water Crisis in Drought-Stricken Tuvalu

On 23 September, a joint assessment team arrived in Nukulaelae Island to assess the impact of the ongoing drought situation. Working with the National Disaster Management Office and government agencies, the Tuvalu Red Cross Society's role was to assess the needs of households. The Tuvalu Red Cross mobilized 14 local volunteers to carry out the household survey. Led by 2 local team leaders and 2 regional disaster response team (RDRT) members, 4 teams assessed more than 70 households.

The team found that 333 people on the island were affected by the drought. Water shortages had affected local crops including giant taro, breadfruit and coconuts. The IFRC regional office is leading on coordination and information sharing at regional and global level and assisting the National Society to mobilize emergency items. The New Zealand Red Cross has mobilized two desalination units, staff and non-food items to assist with the response.

On 28 September, the Government of Tuvalu declared a state of public emergency across the nation. Tuvalu Red Cross response is focusing on Nukulaelae and Funafuti until further assessments are carried out on the other islands.

Items requested by Tuvalu Red Cross Society include:
- 2,000 collapsible 20 litre water containers
- 3,000 hand sanitizers
- Two desalination units and operators
- 2 x 5,000 litre bladders and tap stands
- 480 tarpaulins for community water catchment
- A delegate to assist the secretary general and the operation
- RDRT members to assist and learn

Floods Strike Papua New Guinea’s Oro Province

At the end of September, after days of continuous raining in Oro Province, villages along Eia, Gira and Mamba rivers experienced severe flooding. The affected area is remote, near to the border of Oro and Morobe Provinces. It is known that two people were swept away by flood waters, and food gardens and houses destroyed. The situation is reminiscent of that during cyclone Guba in 2007.

People from Sia, Barara, Haututu, and Piaka villages along the river moved to higher ground. All telecommunication networks were lost, making it difficult for the Oro Provincial Disaster Committee and Oro branch of PNG to communicate with people in the affected area.

The branch developed a plan to carry out a joint assessment with the three teams lead by Red Cross, each including a staff member from the Oro Provincial Disaster Committee. The affected area is to be reached by dinghy, a trip that requires 2-3 days travel in during bad weather. The PNG Red Cross agreed to provide fuel for the dinghies, which were hired by the Provincial Disaster Committee.

The goal of the assessment is to help identify the number of people affected including women, children and the people with special needs, the number of houses, food gardens, and water supplies destroyed. The teams will identify distribution points, undertake community mapping and identify the means of transport to deliver the relief items.

Helping Fauabu Become Stronger

The Solomon Islands Red Cross responded to the Fauabu community’s request to help address potential risks of disaster. The National Society sent a team to conduct a vulnerability and capacity assessment and work in partnership with the members of the Malaita Province community.

Red Cross supported the community to identify vulnerabilities, capacities and potential hazards, and to prepare their disaster action plan. This plan focuses on improving the clinic that serves 40,000 people, ensuring that it is better prepared for disasters and ongoing operations. Solomon Islands Red Cross will work closely with the church that runs the clinic and the surrounding communities to support the implementation of the plan.

Disasters cannot always be prevented, but risks can be significantly reduced. The Solomon Islands Red Cross believes in the importance of investing in local...
programmes that help communities identify the risks they are exposed to, and find appropriate solutions, so that lives and assets can be saved.

Cameron Vudi, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change officer, explained that human-induced and natural factors are causing vulnerability for Fauabu, but the commitment of the individual members of the community was encouraging. They showed their willingness to adapt to the changing climate and health issues facing them, to make life better for themselves.

New Zealand recovery: strengthening response

A core pillar of New Zealand Red Cross’ earthquake recovery framework is the building of capacity right across the country. This will improve their work in the immediate stages before, during and after a disaster. Recruitment is underway for relief volunteers, with 45 new people inducted in Christchurch, Queenstown and Invercargill. “Response volunteers are participating in ground-based rescue and welfare training,” says South Island Emergency Manager Stephen Manson. “About 40 Christchurch volunteers so far have completed psychological support training. We’re building on our already confident and multi-skilled teams, committed for at least one year to ongoing training and possible deployment (for up to five consecutive days in the event of a disaster).” The Christchurch office is also welcoming spontaneous volunteers who donated time and energy over the course of the last year. It’s likely these volunteers will participate in ongoing recovery roles, putting their valuable people skills to offer care and support to our beneficiaries.

What is the difference between response and recovery?

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HIV and AIDS: No more secrets

The Sandaun branch of Papua New Guinea (PNG) Red Cross Society disseminated HIV and AIDS information targeting all the youth of Waromo and Yako on the West Coast of Vanimo. More than 50 youth, women and men attended. The session focused on HIV and AIDS and selected topics of the Youth as Agents of Behavioral Change programme. The workshop gave confidence to one young man who came out and told the public that he was infected by the HIV virus and had been in hiding due to fear of stigma and discrimination.

Twenty youths donated blood, which was screened for viruses. As a result, all donors will know their HIV status. The deputy governor of the province Patrick Muliale expressed his appreciation for the activities. Due to the high risk of contracting HIV and AIDS and sexually transmitted infections along the west coast, the PNG Red Cross Society hopes to carry out future activities for local communities.
Kura Rangers fly in Atiu

Cook Islands Red Cross staff travelled 45 minutes by plane to the island of Atiu to support the formation of the ‘Kura Rangers’, a youth programme that focuses on climate change adaptation activities within the community. Fifteen young volunteers aged twelve and above attended a three-day training that focused on the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, climate change and wetlands. The Kura Rangers also carried out practical activities such as cleaning up beaches and wetlands, visiting the agriculture nursery and presenting what they have learned to a village and to the students and teachers at the Atiu School assembly.

The Kura Rangers have developed a three-month action plan with three main activities: climate change awareness sessions in all five villages, tree planting and clean-up campaigns (focusing on tourist attractions). The Kura Rangers now have a radio programme every Saturday to discuss environmental issues with the community.

The success of the project would not have been possible without the support of the Atiu Red Cross branch, Island Council, Agriculture, National Environment Service, Atiu School and the parents of our Kura Rangers.

Did you know?

The ‘Kura’, in Cook Islands Maori language, is a native lorikeet that inhabits Atiu. Atiuisland is also known as ‘the land of birds’.
Call for partners: community-based health

Over six months, the Australian Red Cross will design a regional community-based health programme for Pacific National Societies. This time frame means that there is plenty of time to speak with National Societies and look at where the greatest health-related needs in the Pacific are and the most appropriate approaches. Initially three or four National Societies will be invited to participate, based upon agreed criteria.

The program will be similar to the regional Pacific Disaster Management Program (Pacific DMP). Multiple National Societies will be supported to grow their programmes (in this case, health) with financial and technical assistance from Australian Red Cross, in coordination with IFRC and other regional partners. The level of support for each National Society will be different, depending on their level of need and interest to participate.

Australian Red Cross is very interested to hear from any National Society with feedback on this proposed design or with an expression of interest if they feel that they fit the criteria to be part of phase one. Australian Red Cross will send out a briefing document and hold discussions with various stakeholders in coming weeks.

Managerial support in Kiribati

In close coordination with the IFRC, the Kiribati Red Cross Society mobilized a technical adviser, Annie Rogers from the Fiji Red Cross Society. Her role was to help the Kiribati Red Cross Society to organize its human and financial resources. Annie helped promote effective management systems and procedures and introduce a transparent recruitment process for a new secretary general.

During Annie’s six weeks in-country, Kiribati Red Cross Society identified a suitable candidate for secretary general. Furthermore, the National Society completed audit reports from 2007 until 2010 and submitted them for approval to the governing board. Kiribati Red Cross Society finalized its statutes, basic human resource management policies and procedures, annual report for 2010 and operational plan and budget for July-December 2011 and 2012. Through the intensive engagement of the governing board, the National Society’s governance is now equipped with a better understanding of management and governance functions.

The regional community-based health programme aims to:

1. Strengthen Pacific National Societies to implement evidence-based, locally responsive and appropriate health programmes at a national, branch and community level.

2. Build on participatory, community-based approaches that have shown to be effective in the Pacific and contribute to the body of evidence around health promotion interventions.

3. Help improve coordination and advocacy of health issues (including non-communicable diseases) at a regional level and strengthen local specialist organizations (such as diabetes support agencies) to work with clinical health care providers.

Community-based health programmes use participatory methods that have been tested throughout the world.
A new board for the Samoa Red Cross Society

On Thursday 22 September in Apia, a special general meeting of the Samoa Red Cross Society elected its new managing board. The meeting was chaired by the IFRC-appointed chairman, the Ombudsman of Samoa, Maiavalu Toma.

Fifteen members were appointed to the central committee and their nominations endorsed unanimously by the 103 members attending the meeting. The committee is a mixture of old and new faces, with seven members who have previously served on the governance committee for Samoa Red Cross, and eight members who are new to the Society’s governance. The members bring a wealth of experience in business and community activity, legal and accounting experience, and dedication to the work of the Movement.

The first meeting of the central committee was planned for Saturday 1 October, at which a president and other officers of the committee would be elected.

Tugeda uime waka for phase two

Solomon Islands Red Cross and Australian Red Cross held a ‘THK II’ planning workshop to finalize details of the next three years of the project titled ‘Tugeda Uime Waka for Helti Komuniti’ (THK: together we work for healthy communities). The workshop was attended by all THK project staff, community health volunteers, the Australian Red Cross health delegate and quality coordinator. As a result of the workshop, SIRC developed a village vulnerability selection tool. The tool will assist the National Society to select the most vulnerable communities for inclusion in the next phase of the programme, due to commence in October 2011.
On display at the Pacific Islands Forum

The Pacific Islands Forum was a unique opportunity to promote the work of the Movement.

The New Zealand Red Cross was invited by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to contribute to their aid programme disaster risk management display at the recent Pacific Island Forum. The display included a banner, publications and samples of disaster relief items. A promotional video was developed using stock footage of the Red Cross in action in the Pacific and an interview with Glenn Rose from the New Zealand Red Cross. The DVD will be made available at a later date.

The presentation and display was a unique opportunity to promote the Movement in the Pacific with the Pacific Island Forum. The IFRC continues to explore with National Societies future opportunities to engage with the forum. The next meeting will be hosted by the Cook Islands.

Milestone IHL handbook

In an official ceremony in Honiara the Solomon Islands Red Cross governing board received the handbook for parliamentarians on international humanitarian law (IHL). The handbook was presented to National Society leaders by Nicolas Bonvin, Cooperation delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross Suva and Dr Steve Francis, Manager of Humanitarian Relations of the Australian Red Cross.

Speaking during the handover, Mr Bonvin said that as an auxiliary to the government, the Solomon Islands Red Cross played a role helping public authorities to promote respect to for international humanitarian law. The handbook is an effective tool to inform decision-makers of their obligation to ensure respect for the principles of that body of law.

Solomon Islands Red Cross is the first Pacific Island National Society to pilot the IHL handbook for parliamentarians project, which has been supported by Ausaid and the Australian Red Cross. Thanking the ICRC and Australian Red Cross for their good work, National Society president Charles Kelly said that the handbook is a milestone. He and the governing board pledged their ownership of the handbook.
Micronesia: Australian volunteer to support disaster preparedness

September saw the arrival of a new team member at Micronesia Red Cross Society. Amy Iberg has taken on the role of Disaster Management Officer through the Australian Volunteers for International Development program. Her role is funded by AusAID and supported by Australian Red Cross.

Over the next 12 months, Amy will work closely with the staff of Micronesia Red Cross to develop and implement disaster management plans and activities.

Amy joins Micronesia Red Cross after two years working with the ICRC in Geneva. "I'm really thrilled to be here," she says. "This is a fascinating, unique country and I cannot wait to sink my teeth into the work and get to know the people of the FSM."

IFRC secretary general to stay

Congratulations to Bekele Geleta, secretary general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. His term of service has been extended for an additional two years, until June 2014.
Community health in emergencies

The Solomon Islands Red Cross hosted an international Community Health Module training that brought together 24 participants from 10 countries.

The module was developed by Australian Red Cross in partnership with the Norwegian and Canadian Red Cross, and over the last two years has been deployed to humanitarian emergencies in conjunction with emergency response units (ERUs), most recently Pakistan. The module has a community-based public health focus and comprises a team of experienced public health professionals, environmental health specialists and/or nutritionists. The team works in partnership with an Operating National Society and builds their capacity at the same time.

Skilled delegates are now trained to mobilize volunteers, carry out locally appropriate awareness activities and disease surveillance systems. They can be deployed as part of a community health module. Previous trainings were held in Fiji and Canada.

Workshop achievements:

- Red Cross volunteers received a refresher on dissemination and community-based health and first aid.
- Delegates trained 25 volunteers to implement health messages.
- Five communities received training from the trained volunteers.

Climate research in action

In a joint effort, the Solomon Islands Red Cross, IFRC, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre and Australian Red Cross have produced a short case study and a detailed research report on climate change adaptation, on Pileni Island in the Solomon Islands. The research will be used in a regional publication on climate change being funded by the Australian government. A short case study has also been produced for practitioners and has already been used at an Asian Development Bank climate change and migration conference attended by IFRC in The Philippines in September. The small, remote island of Pileni is exposed to seismic and climatic threats – high tides, tsunamis, lack of drinking water, drought, cyclones, heavy rain, coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion, declining fish stocks and crops, and coral bleaching. The Provincial Disaster Management Office says at current rates of coastal erosion, Pileni may not be inhabitable in 20 years.

In November 2010, Solomon Islands Red Cross carried out a week-long vulnerability and capacity assessment and earlier this year returned for further research. Being isolated and totally dependent on natural sources of food and knowledge, the community are excellent judges of change in the environment. SIRC plotted observed changes in weather and harvests – a tool now being used by the National Society to map climate impacts elsewhere in the country. The Pileni community is highly resourceful and resilient. However Pileni inhabitants remain captives of an environment that, for various reasons, is becoming more hostile and poses an increasing threat. The Red Cross experience was also shared with the government, as the Solomon Islands seeks to operationalize climate factors.

Read the case study

To download a copy of the report, visit www.climatecentre.org
**RDRT skills refreshed, Fiji**

On 14-19 September, the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) refresher training was held in Fiji. A total of 13 participants attended the training from 8 National Societies; Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Tuvalu, Tonga, Kiribati, Samoa and French Red Cross. Facilitators from Tuvalu Red Cross, and IFRC ran the workshop.

The training served multiple goals: to enable trainees to practice and refresh their knowledge and skills, to reveal and address technical gaps among the trainees and to involve RDRT members in a discussion about developing the Pacific RDRT strategy.

A highlight of the workshop was the field exercise, conducted with the Nawaka, Taiperia and Nawagarua communities and local branches. Working together with the Fiji Red Cross Society volunteers brought out the best in the RDRT trainees, by increasing their understanding of real life situations.

**Papua New Guinea: In the right direction**

In recent months, Papua New Guinea (PNG) Red Cross Society has run a series of workshops to strengthen its governance and operations:

- Resilience building workshop, held in Lae, Morobe province. Co-facilitated by PNG Red Cross Society and IFRC it was an avenue for staff, volunteers, members and IFRC to develop the National Society’s community action package.
- Leadership training for the newly elected branch executives (chairs, deputy chairs, treasurer, secretaries, and general assembly representatives), members, volunteers and staff. Facilitated by David and Paulette Burges of Create One, the workshop enabled the entire team to come up with a “Big Hairy Audacious Goal” – which is now the PNG Red Cross Society mission: “To care about the vulnerable people through our humanitarian actions.”
- Visioning and strategy workshop, also facilitated by Create One. Participants were taken another step forward to articulate the vision for the PNG Red Cross Society in the next two years.
- Finance training for branch executives including treasurers, volunteers, members, staff and independent council members. Starting with a compliance audit, the workshop focused on minimum standards, and how each individual can manage branch affairs as leaders in their own right; each individual must act in accordance with the rules and examine every business activity that takes place within the branch.
- Fraud control guidelines, facilitated by a member of the National Society, Janet Philemon. The workshop helped PNG Red Cross Society staff, members and volunteers to understand the fraud control framework. The group discussed definitions of fraud, PNG Red Cross Society attitude towards fraud, and the responsibilities of staff, members and volunteers to report cases of suspected or detected fraud.

**Top quote**

“I have my vision but I did not know where to start. I thank the headquarters for making this possible for me to learn. I now know where to start. As leaders we have to lead.”

- Lennie Sengi, Madang branch.
Record numbers for Palau first aid graduates

The Palau Red Cross Society conducted a series of first aid trainings this year, in August, setting a monthly record for the number who successfully completed the course. The majority of participants are classroom teachers from the Palau Headstart programme who are required to renew their certification before the school year starts on September 19. Also among the participants were employees from three state governments including marine conservation rangers from the outlying state of Peleliu.

"Maintaining trained personnel in First Aid and CPR training is a must for island nations such as Palau, whose main industry is tourism and water related activities", says Santy Asanuma, chairman of the Palau Red Cross board of Directors. More training events are scheduled in the coming months for some of Koror’s major hotels. In total this year, 106 participants have received certification in first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

New teams ready to serve

Practical exercises helped trainees to apply their skills.

The French Red Cross ran the Emergency Response Unit relief training from 16-25 September. Eleven candidates from New Caledonia, two from Vanuatu, one from Samoa and one from Papua New Guinea attended the workshop. Over an intensive ten days, participants covered technical skills, interpersonal skills, practical exercises and a field exercise.

The training had three key objectives:

1. Enable Logistics volunteers to acquire new skills.
2. Prepare volunteers for deployment in the Pacific zone.
3. Strengthen National Society capacities in Pacific, especially those who are linked with the French Red Cross logistics capacity-building programme.

Trainee comment:

One of the aspects of this training which I particularly appreciated was that there were a lot of different people coming from different regions in the Pacific and the world … so it was a beautiful experience of interculturality to understand the different ways to approach the human aspects during a mission.

Trainee comment:

I did like the fact that there is a practical part that “explains” the theoretical part. I need both to be able to understand and follow a training.
Learning Together

Pacific Governance Enhancement Programme in Vanuatu

On 11 September 2011, the Vanuatu Red Cross Society participated in the second pilot workshop of the Pacific Governance Enhancement Programme. Facilitated by the former president of the National Society, Jim Woodford, with support from Debby Butler of New Zealand Red Cross, the workshop ran for a full day.

The participants gave extremely positive reviews for the programme. According to reports, they saw it as highly participatory, very useful and informative.

Highlights from the workshop included new board members learning about each others’ strengths, along with the session on how a board defines the separation between management and governance and how to manage this. Each member also agreed to put some effort into a specific area of governance, which will result in a more engaged board.

Make weapons the target

On Hiroshima Day 2011, the Australian Red Cross launched Make Nuclear Weapons the Target - a major campaign combining an online referendum, social media, seminars and presentations and activities aimed at engaging young humanitarians. To date, thousands of people have voted in the referendum, all state and federal members of parliament have been asked to provide their support, close to a thousand people have attended seminars and presentations. Young people across the country are planning a nationwide flash mob freeze in November, to build on our efforts to get the message out to the community.

The Australian Red Cross has also been working with its Movement colleagues in the development of a draft resolution, “working towards the elimination of nuclear weapons” to present at the upcoming Council of Delegates.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has been at the centre of the nuclear weapons debate from the very outset. From 1945 to 2011, the Movement has consistently voiced its deep concerns about these weapons, and the need for the prohibition of their use.

‘Australian Red Cross wants to ensure the world never again has to face the horrific humanitarian fallout of another Hiroshima or Nagasaki,’ said Australian Red Cross CEO Robert Tickner. ‘To help make this a reality we want our Movement colleagues and the wider community to join us in calling for a ban on the use of nuclear weapons’.

Visit www.targetnuclearweapons.org.au – to have your say and find out more about the campaign.

Welcomes and Farewells

Tonga Red Cross Society welcomes two new staff, Evisiopoma Tuuholoaki, programme manager, and Fifita Fonua, finance manager.

Welcome to baby Barry Kadmiel Raenahirua, newborn son of IFRC Finance Manager Eric Kadmiel Rouhau. Barry was named after Pacific regional finance development delegate Papa Seydou Barry. Congratulations to all.

Many thanks and congratulations to the recently-elected governing board of Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society. Members elected John Malai as the National Chairman, Regina Graham as the Deputy National Chairman and Joe Daimol as National Treasurer. Mr Malai and Ms Graham are continuing their service, and Mr. Daimol is a new person to take up the post. Furthermore, five independent Council Members were elected: Michael Kokom, Jasper Touna, Alex Dui, Tommy Kolta and Janet Philemon. Nancy Alai was elected as the National Youth Representative, taking over from Alex Dui.

Thanks and congratulations to the newly-elected governing board of Samoa Red Cross Society: Tuala O Ah Him, Jerry Brunt, Suela Jewel Cook, Netina Esera-Cole, Leiataua J Eteatu, Meletiole Fune, Julia Kekolilo, Afa Lesa, Lynn Netzler, Mailo Sio Pesamino, Taito John Roche, Lialiosefa Sitiia, Tania Stunzner, Lealiifano I Tanielu.

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