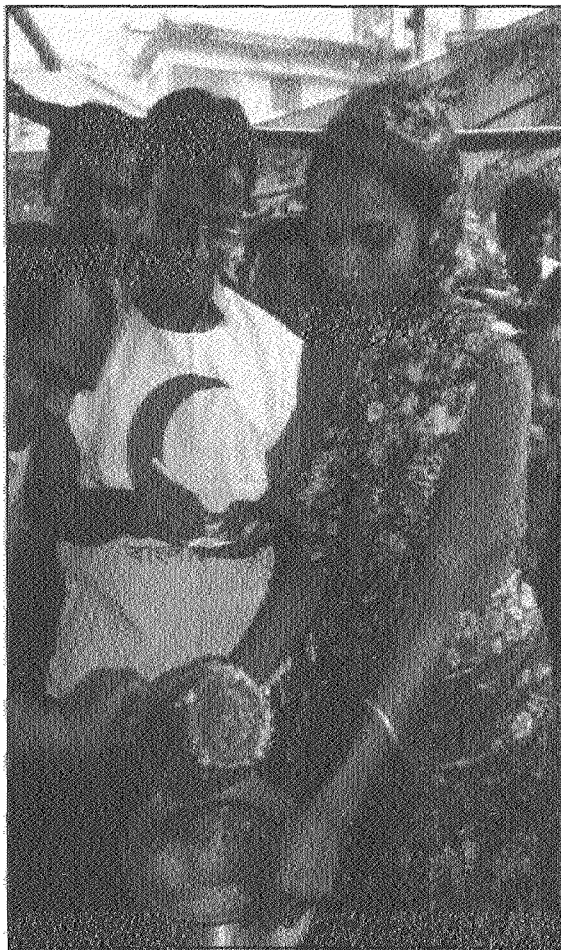




*Acting through its member National Societies, the International Federation sought international assistance worth 358.5 million Swiss francs to assist 19.5 million victims in floods and famines, economic crisis and typhoons, refugee camps and shanty towns. Torben Lindberg/ International Federation, Bangladesh 1998.*



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## **12** **Overview of 1998 Federation operations**

In 1998, the International Federation appealed for international humanitarian aid totalling 358.5 million Swiss francs to assist some 19.5 million people. The Federation's disaster response system is needs-driven. Red Cross and Red Crescent societies around the world launch appeals for international assistance through the Secretariat in Geneva whenever their capacities are outstripped by disaster. To this extent, the Federation response profile gives a good picture of the actual occurrence of major disasters around the world. It is significant, therefore, that in 1998 more victims of natural disasters were assisted by the Federation than in any other disaster category. Asia remains the most disaster-prone region of the world, hosting 7.7 million of the beneficiaries identified by the Federation, the vast majority of whom fell foul of floods and typhoons.

### Box 12.1 The Global Road Safety Partnership

In the *World Disasters Report 1998*, the International Federation highlighted traffic accidents as “a worsening global disaster destroying lives and livelihoods, hampering development and leaving millions in greater vulnerability.” Road accidents are a serious social and economic problem, estimated by the World Bank to cost globally US\$ 500 billion a year resulting in losses of one to three per cent of the annual gross domestic product. The cost to developing countries alone is estimated at US\$ 100 billion. According to the World Health Organization, road accidents are likely to become the third-leading cause of the burden of disease by 2020, after heart disease and depression.

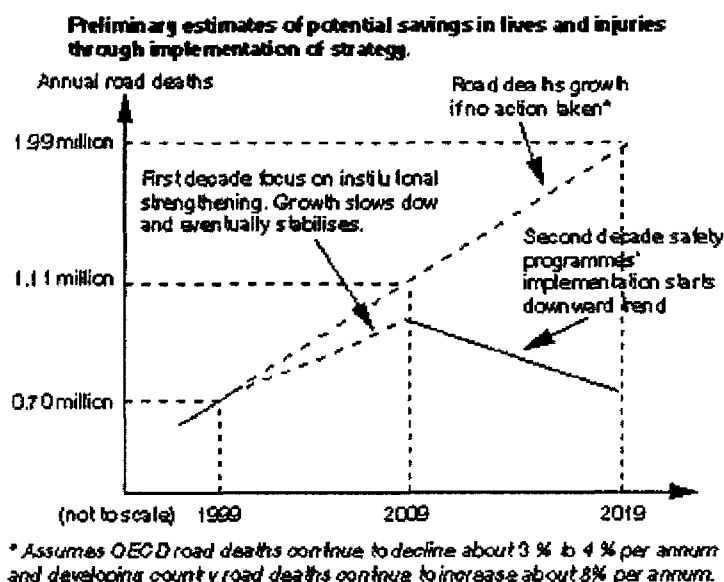
National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies around the world have long been concerned with road safety: it has been on the agenda of Red Cross/Red Crescent international conferences since 1930. It remains part of the daily activities of many National Societies, and is integral to their health care and emergency programmes.

Partly as a result of highlighting this issue in the *World Disasters Report*, the International Federation has been

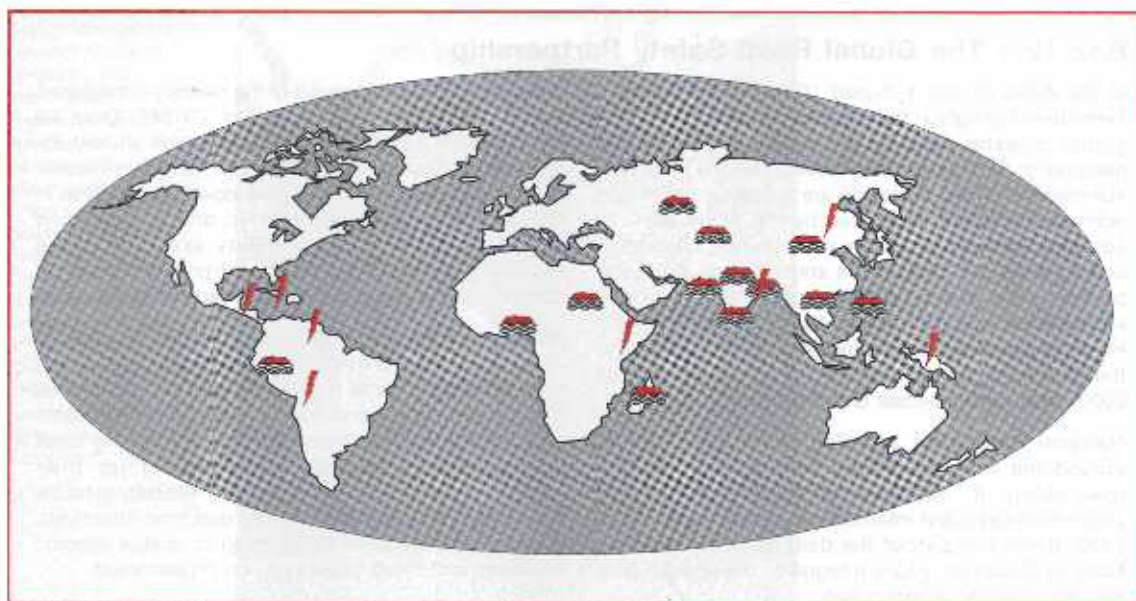
asked to host the secretariat of the recently-established Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP). Over 70 organizations (from the governmental, civil society, international finance and private sectors) have come together to set up GRSP to slow down the increase in road accident deaths and injuries, and to strengthen and develop professional safety expertise in the developing world, through partnerships which promote collaboration and coordination of road safety activities.

Activities will include actions and projects in areas as diverse as road environment, road-user behaviour, vehicle safety, special needs of developing countries, safety management and coordination, health education and promotion. The focus will be on helping local communities and professionals build up their organizational capacity and increase their ability to tackle safety problems more effectively and cost-effectively. A trust fund has been established to enable specific initiatives and focus projects to be implemented.

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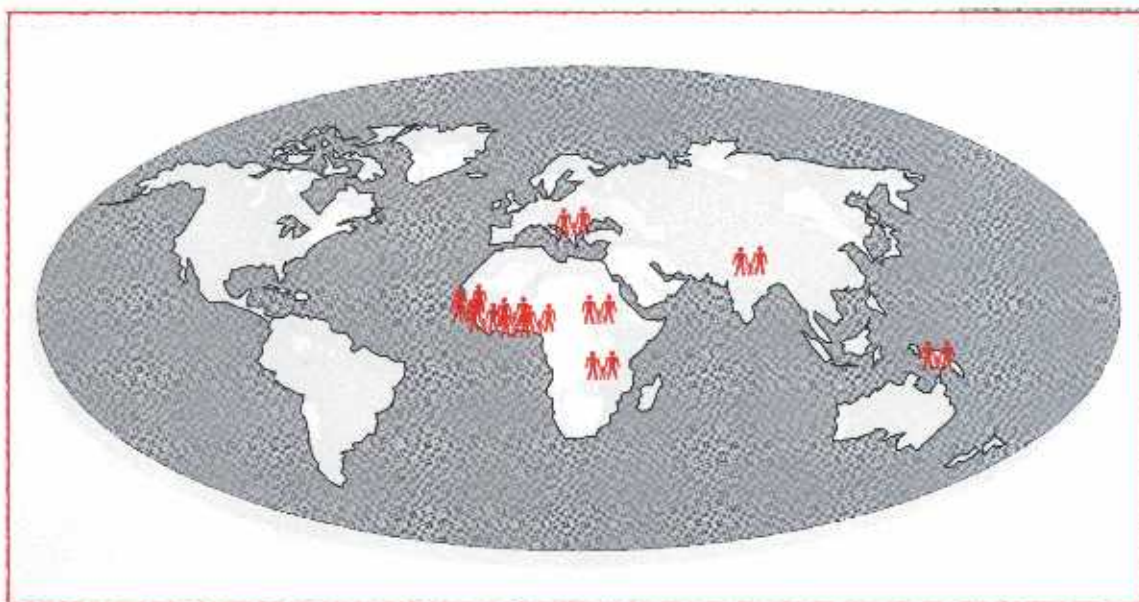


Source: GRSP 1999.



### Natural disasters

Country/programme	Target beneficiaries	Aid sought (Swiss francs)
<b>Natural hazards</b>		
Caribbean (cyclone)	200,000	10,221,000
Central America and Mexico (Hurricane Mitch)	180,000	12,570,000
Bangladesh (cold wave)	34,000	580,000
China (earthquake)	110,000	2,000,000
Tanzania (drought)	109,720	3,550,000
Guyana (drought)	7,500	1,090,000
Bolivia (earthquake)	6,648	2,763,000
Papua New Guinea (tidal wave)	10,000	907,000
<b>Floods</b>		
Sudan	158,000	3,855,000
India	100,000	1,632,000
Nepal	50,000	525,000
Viet Nam	100,000	2,863,000
Bangladesh	2,000,000	10,075,000
China	2,000,000	16,076,000
Russian Federation (Yakutia)	20,000	1,620,000
Tajikistan (floods and landslides)	265,000	1,756,000
Madagascar	20,000	258,000
Pakistan	40,000	775,000
Ecuador	16,286	373,000
Nigeria	8,500	265,500
Philippines (typhoons and floods)	200,000	3,458,000



### Population movements



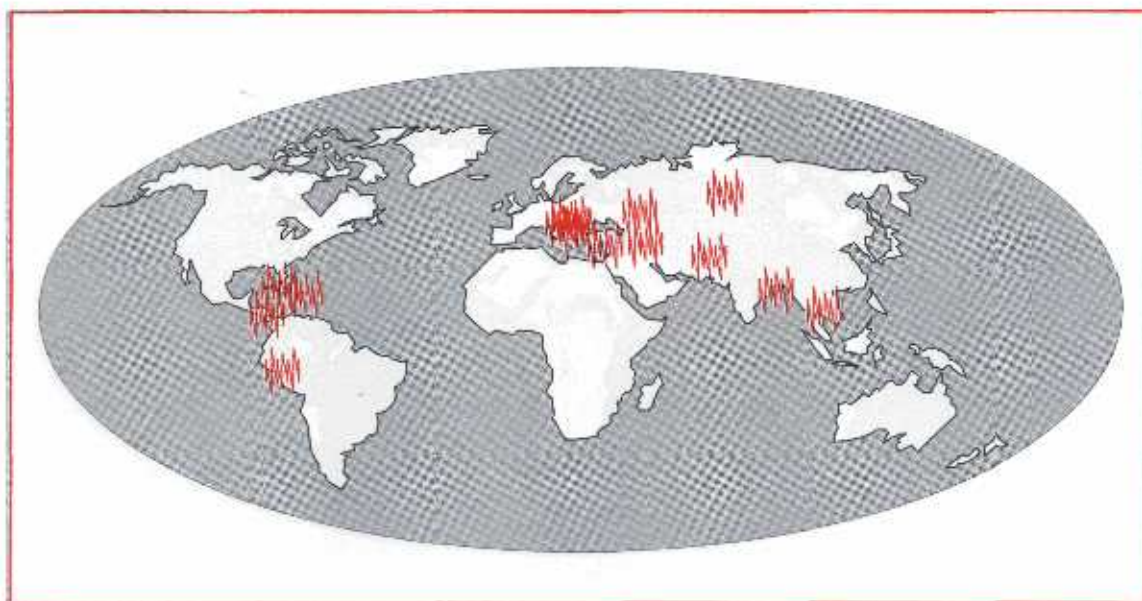
#### Country/programmes

#### Target beneficiaries

#### Aid sought (Swiss francs)

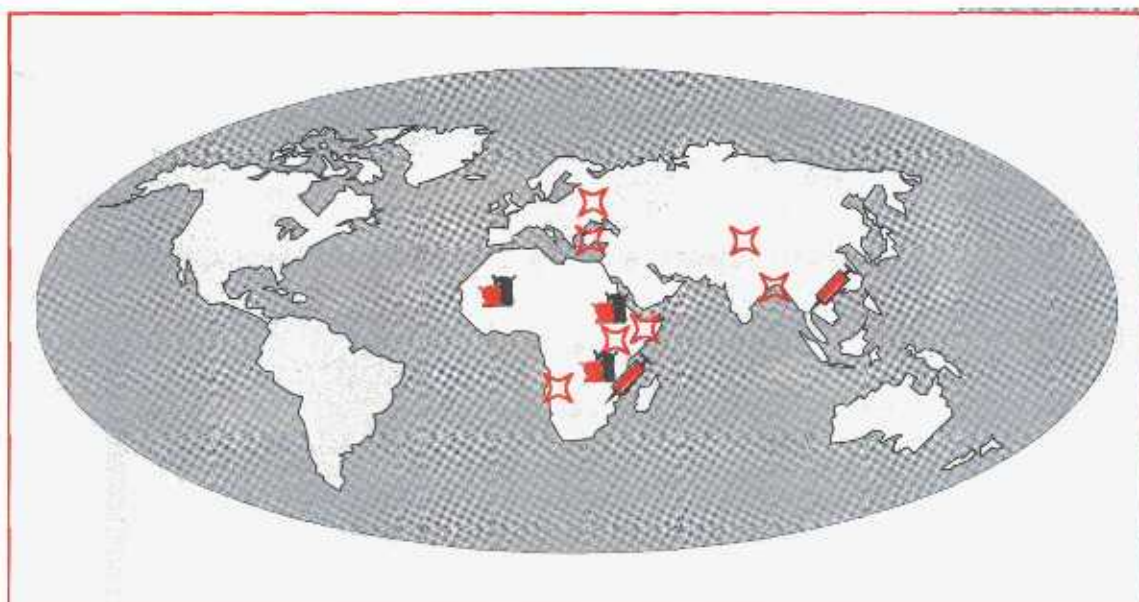
Liberia and region	1,342,000	15,068,000
Benin	1,200	395,000
Ghana	8,000	142,000
Togo	12,000	159,000
African Great Lakes region	850,000	21,930,000
Sudan	1,070,000	2,270,000
Nepal	100,000	1,076,000
Papua New Guinea	170,000	3,458,000
Albania	15,000	6,126,000
Guinea-Bissau	10,000	159,000
Guinea	200,000	1,860,000
Guinea-Bissau (refugees from Senegal)	5,000	597,000





### **Socio-economic problems**

Country/programme	Target beneficiaries	Aid sought (Swiss francs)
Nicaragua		914,000
Peru		708,000
Cuba		1,507,000
Haiti	70,000	2,851,000
Cambodia		1,217,000
Afghanistan	1,500,000	11,007,000
Bangladesh	20,000	5,351,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	350,000	14,568,000
Croatia		4,946,000
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	250,000	11,845,000
Caucasus	1 187,000	18,553,000
Russian Federation		5,468,000
Iraq	160,000	8,364,000
Assistance to Palestine Red Crescent Society		7,953,000



### Other

Country/programme	Target beneficiaries	Aid sought (Swiss francs)
Turkey (cooperation)		310,000
Somalia (health, relief, rehabilitation)	240,000	3,303,000
Angola (health, development)	90,000	5,821,000
Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine (winter emergency)	1,631,500	25,014,000
Central Asia (winter appeal)	480,000	4,311,000
Bangladesh (post-conflict rehabilitation)	175,000	1,990,000
Kenya (bomb explosion)	1,000	845,000

### Epidemics

Cambodia (dengue fever)	1,100,000	658,000
Mozambique (cholera)		298,000

### Food security

Ethiopia	102,000	9,707,000
Sahel	88,500	6,216,000
Rwanda	35,000	811,000



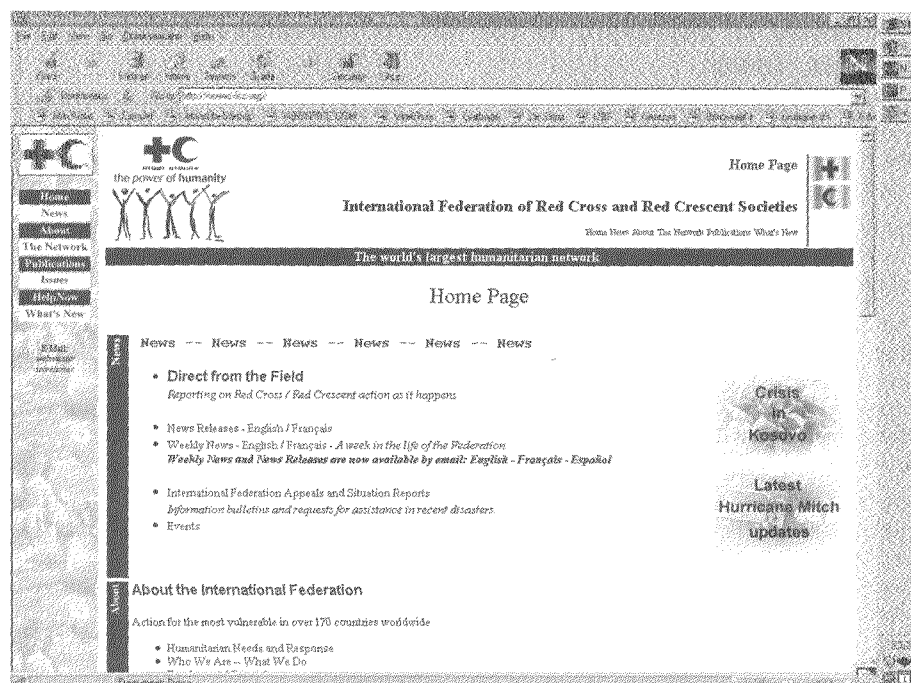
### Regional programmes



#### Region

#### Aid sought (Swiss francs)

West Africa	7,249,000
Central Africa	5,094,000
Eastern Africa	5,251,000
Southern Africa	1,753,000
Central and South America	2,830,000
Southern South America	3,637,000
Caribbean	2,349,000
South-east and east Asia	7,353,000
South Asia	1,688,000
Monsoon rapid emergency response	708,000
Pacific	1,843,000
Central and southern Europe	3,127,000
Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine	4,452,000
Central Asia	15,448,000
Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine Red Crescent Society, Syria	932,000
North Africa disaster preparedness	337,000



## ***The International Federation on the Internet***

A wide range of information, including selected texts from previous *World Disasters Reports*, can be accessed on the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' web site at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The International Federation web pages also include *Direct from the Field* – with reports on Red Cross and Red Crescent action as it happens around the world, constantly updated disaster appeals and situation reports from its global network of operations and delegations, as well as links to many disaster-related sites and the web pages of the International Committee of the Red Cross, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum and the International Red Cross Museum at Casnighione.

The web site is also linked to an ever-increasing number of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies worldwide, including African and Asian societies, as well as regional sites such as in Asia Pacific and the Caribbean, and PERCO (Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants).

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