

# INDEX

<b>FOREWORD</b>	11	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	37
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	13	THE IMPACT OF ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT	38
A GLOBAL SCENARIO MARKED BY CRISIS AND CHANGE			
From the 1980s to the 1990s	13		
Some aspects of the new world scenario	14	<b>Belize Red Cross Society: An expanding and changing National Society</b>	39
Humanitarian organizations in the new world scenario	15	ORGANIZATION OF THE BELIZEAN RED CROSS	40
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN THE 1990s: A NEW SCENARIO FOR RED CROSS ACTIVITY	15	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	40
THE RED CROSS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR THE NEW STRATEGY FOR THE 1990s	17	Administration and planning	40
THE STUDY OF THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE RED CROSS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	19	Human resources	41
Background and period of execution	19	Finance and budgeting	42
Objectives	19	THE BELIZEAN RED CROSS'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	42
Geographic coverage	20	Principal activities	42
Methodology and execution of the Study	20	<i>Health services</i>	42
Structure and research teams	24	<i>Social assistance and welfare activities</i>	43
		<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	43
		Relations with the Government	44
		Relations with other organizations and agencies	44
		THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	44
		THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	45
<b>Sources</b>	25		
<b>CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO</b>		<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	46
<b>BELIZE</b>		CONCLUSIONS	46
<b>Socioeconomic reality: A multiethnic nation consolidating its independence and improving its development</b>	29	RECOMMENDATIONS	47
EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	31	<b>Sources</b>	50
THE POVERTY SITUATION	31	<b>COSTA RICA</b>	
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY	32	<b>Socioeconomic reality: A model of democracy and social development facing the options of uncertain economic change</b>	51
BELIZE: A MULTIETHNIC SOCIETY	34	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	53
THE HOUSING SITUATION	35	THE EVOLUTION OF POVERTY	54
THE EDUCATION SITUATION	35	SOCIAL POLICY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CRISIS	55
WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND YOUNG PEOPLE	36		
REFUGEES	36		

THE HEALTH SITUATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	57	HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	85
THE SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION	59	HOUSING AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	87
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	60	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	87
PROBLEMS AFFECTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	60	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	87
REFUGEES AND THE MIGRANT POPULATION	61	HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW	88
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	61	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO NATURAL DISASTERS	89
IMPACT OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION POLICIES	63	THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT AID AND COOPERATION POLICIES	90
<b>Costa Rican Red Cross: The process of administrative reform and confronting the country's economic crisis</b>	64	<b>Salvadoran Red Cross: From conflict to reconstruction—the challenges of peace</b>	92
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	65	ORGANIZATION OF THE SALVADORAN RED CROSS	92
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	65	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	92
Administration and planning	65	Administration and planning	93
Human resources	66	Human resources	94
Finance and budgets	66	Financing and budgets	95
THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COSTA RICAN RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	68	THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SALVADORAN RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	96
Principal activities	68	Principal activities	96
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	68	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	96
<i>Health services</i>	68	<i>Health services</i>	96
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	69	<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	97
Relations with the Government	69	Relations with the Government	98
Relations with other organizations and agencies	69	Relations with other organizations and agencies	98
THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	70	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	99
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	70	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	99
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	72	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	101
CONCLUSIONS	72	CONCLUSIONS	101
RECOMMENDATIONS	73	RECOMMENDATIONS	102
<b>Sources</b>	76	<b>Sources</b>	105
<b>EL SALVADOR</b>		<b>GUATEMALA</b>	
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Democratization and economic and social development—toward a new historical era</b>	79	<b>Socioeconomic reality: The difficult tasks of peace, democracy, development, and the indigenous question</b>	109
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	81	EMPLOYMENT, THE CRISIS IN THE PEASANT ECONOMY, AND THE INFORMAL URBAN SECTOR	111
THE EVOLUTION OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL POLICIES	82	THE SOCIAL PROFILE OF THE CRISIS: INEQUALITY AND POVERTY IN GUATEMALA	112
POPULATION MOVEMENTS: MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND DISPLACED PERSONS	84	THE ETHNIC QUESTION	113

REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND REPATRIATION	115	POVERTY, ADJUSTMENT, AND SOCIAL POLICIES	144
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	116	THE HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION SITUATION	145
HOUSING AND BASIC SERVICES	118	THE HOUSING SITUATION AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	148
EDUCATION	118	REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND REPATRIATION	148
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	118	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	148
THE SITUATION OF MARGINALIZED CHILDREN	118	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	149
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION	119	THE ETHNIC SITUATION	149
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	119	THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION	150
THE IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS	121	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	150
		THE IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND AGENCIES	152
<b>Guatemalan Red Cross: The challenge of overcoming the crisis and developing a new kind of organization</b>	123	<b>Honduran Red Cross: Facing the challenge of deteriorating social conditions</b>	153
ORGANIZATION OF THE GUATEMALAN RED CROSS	124	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	154
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	124	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	154
Administration and planning	125	Administration and planning	154
Human resources	126	Human resources	155
Finance and budget	127	Financing and budget	156
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GUATEMALAN RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	128	ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	157
Principal activities	128	Principal activities	157
<i>Health services</i>	128	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	157
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	129	<i>Health services</i>	157
<i>Social assistance and welfare activities</i>	129	<i>Social assistance and welfare activities</i>	158
<i>Other activities</i>	130	Relations with the Government	159
Relations with the Government	130	Relations with other organizations and agencies	159
Relations with other organizations	130	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	160
THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	131	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	160
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	131	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	162
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	132	CONCLUSIONS	162
CONCLUSIONS	132	RECOMMENDATIONS	163
RECOMMENDATIONS	133	<b>Sources</b>	165
<b>Sources</b>	137	<b>MEXICO</b>	
<b>HONDURAS</b>		<b>Socioeconomic reality: Economic modernization, free trade, and social crisis</b>	167
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenge of social deficiencies built up over decades and aggravated by structural adjustment</b>	141	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	169
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE URBAN INFORMAL SECTOR	143	THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICIES	170

MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS AND ILLEGAL MIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES	172	THE IMPACT OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL POLICIES	202
THE HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY SITUATION	174	POPULATION MOVEMENTS: MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND REPATRIATION	204
THE HOUSING SITUATION AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	177	THE HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION SITUATION	205
THE EDUCATION SITUATION	178	THE HOUSING SITUATION AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	207
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	179	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	208
THE SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE	180	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	208
THE ETHNIC QUESTION IN MEXICO	181	THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	209
THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION	182	THE SITUATION OF ETHNIC GROUPS	209
THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTERS	182	ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS	209
THE IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES	184	VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	210
		THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICIES	211
<b>Mexican Red Cross: Entrepreneurial efficiency and attachment to tradition in the face of social crisis and uncertainty about the future</b>	186	<b>Nicaraguan Red Cross: Facing the challenges of peace, reconstruction, and national reconciliation</b>	213
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	187	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	214
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	187	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	214
Administration and planning	188	Administration and planning	214
Human resources	188	Human resources	215
Finance and budgeting	189	Finance and budgets	215
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	189	THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	216
Principal activities	189	Principal activities	216
<i>Health services</i>	189	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	216
<i>Social assistance and welfare             services</i>	190	<i>Health services</i>	217
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	190	<i>Social assistance and welfare             services</i>	217
<i>Other programs and activities</i>	191	Relations with the Government	217
Relations with the Government	191	Relations with other organizations and agencies	217
Relations with other organizations and agencies	191	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	218
THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	192	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	218
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	192		
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	193	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	220
CONCLUSIONS	193	CONCLUSIONS	220
RECOMMENDATIONS	194	RECOMMENDATIONS	221
<b>Sources</b>	196	<b>Sources</b>	223
<b>NICARAGUA</b>		<b>PANAMA</b>	
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Difficult national reconciliation in a framework of social crisis and economic exhaustion</b>	199	<b>Socioeconomic reality: After the invasion—the challenges of rebuilding the political system, reactivating the economy, and overcoming the social crisis</b>	225
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE URBAN INFORMAL SECTOR	201		

THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION	227	HOUSING, BASIC SERVICES, AND URBAN MARGINALITY	256
THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICIES	228	THE EDUCATION SITUATION: THE CHALLENGE OF QUALITY	256
HEALTH, NUTRITION, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, AND FOOD SECURITY	229	THE SITUATION OF ARGENTINIAN WOMEN	257
THE EDUCATION SITUATION	231	THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH	258
THE HOUSING SITUATION	231	ETHNIC PROBLEMS	259
ETHNIC AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS	231	THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION	259
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	232	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	260
<b>Panamanian Red Cross: Normalization and change</b>	233	THE IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES	261
ORGANIZATION OF THE PANAMANIAN RED CROSS	234	<b>Argentinian Red Cross: A difficult transition toward a new model of development</b>	263
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	234	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	264
Administration and planning	235	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	264
Human resources	236	Administration and planning	265
Finance and budgeting	236	Human resources	265
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PANAMANIAN RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	238	Finance and budget	266
Principal activities	238	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	267
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	238	Principal activities	267
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	239	<i>Health services</i>	267
<i>Health services</i>	240	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	267
<i>Other activities</i>	240	<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	268
Relations with the Government	240	<i>Other activities</i>	268
Relations with other organizations and agencies	241	Relations with the Government	268
THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	241	Relations with other organizations and agencies	268
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	241	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	269
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	243	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	269
CONCLUSIONS	243	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	270
RECOMMENDATIONS	244	CONCLUSIONS	270
<b>Sources</b>	247	RECOMMENDATIONS	271
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>		<b>Sources</b>	274
<b>ARGENTINA</b>		<b>BOLIVIA</b>	
<b>Socioeconomic reality: A growing economy, a continuing social crisis</b>	251	<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenges of human development in an impoverished country</b>	275
EMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR MARKET	252	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	276
THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CRISIS: THE POVERTY SITUATION	252	THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CRISIS: THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICIES	277
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, AND NUTRITION	253		

THE DRUG TRAFFIC ECONOMY	278	THE OTHER FACE OF THE "BRAZILIAN MIRACLE": INEQUALITY, POVERTY, AND SOCIAL POLICY	303
BOLIVIA: A TROUBLED MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETY	279	POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND URBANIZATION	305
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	280	HOUSING AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION: ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION AND BASIC SERVICES	306
HOUSING SITUATION	283	ETHNOCULTURAL PROBLEMS	307
EDUCATION SITUATION	283	THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION SITUATION	309
SITUATION OF WOMEN	284	THE SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION	312
VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT	285	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	313
THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION	286	THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	313
THE IMPACT OF THE POLICIES AND AGENCIES OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION	286	VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS	315
<b>Bolivian Red Cross: Development expectations in an uncertain future</b>	289	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	315
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	290	<b>Brazilian Red Cross: Difficult growth in a country challenged by vast size and social problems</b>	319
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	290	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	320
Administration and planning	290	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	320
Human resources	291	Administration and planning	321
Finance and budget	291	Human resources	322
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	292	Finance and budgeting	322
Principal activities	292	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	323
<i>Health services</i>	292	Principal activities	323
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	293	<i>Health services</i>	323
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	293	<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	324
<i>Other activities</i>	293	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	324
Relations with the Government	293	<i>Other programs and activities</i>	325
Relations with other bodies and agencies	294	Relations with the Government	325
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	294	Relations with other organizations and agencies	325
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	294	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	325
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	296	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTIONS OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	326
CONCLUSIONS	296	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	327
RECOMMENDATIONS	297	CONCLUSIONS	327
<b>Sources</b>	300	RECOMMENDATIONS	328
<b>BRAZIL</b>		<b>Sources</b>	330
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenges of equity, social development, and environmental preservation</b>	301	<b>CHILE</b>	
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, THE LABOR MARKET, AND THE INFORMAL SECTOR	303	<b>Socioeconomic reality: Tasks for the 1990s—social development and democratic consolidation</b>	333

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	334	SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CRISIS: THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICIES	359
THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CRISIS: THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICIES	335	THE DRUG-TRAFFICKING POLITICAL ECONOMY	359
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, AND NUTRITION	336	HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	360
HOUSING, BASIC SERVICES, AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	338	THE HOUSING SITUATION, BASIC SERVICES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	363
THE EDUCATION SITUATION	338	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	364
THE SITUATION OF CHILEAN YOUTH	339	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	364
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	339	THE SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN	365
ETHNIC REALITY AND PROBLEMS	340	VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN COLOMBIA	367
THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW	340	COLOMBIA, NATURAL DISASTERS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS	368
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	341	IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND POLICIES	370
IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES	342		
<b>Chilean Red Cross: The challenge of renewal in a changing society</b>	345	<b>Colombian Red Cross: A growing National Society reformulating its policies and facing doctrinal dilemmas</b>	371
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	346	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	372
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	346	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	372
Administration and planning	346	Administration and planning	373
Human resources	347	Human resources	375
Finance and budgeting	348	Finance and budgets	376
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	348	ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	376
Principal activities	348	Principal activities	376
<i>Health services</i>	348	<i>Health services</i>	377
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	349	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	378
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	349	<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	378
<i>Other activities</i>	349	<i>Other activities</i>	378
Relations with the Government	350	Relations with the Government	379
Relations with other organizations and agencies	350	Relations with other organizations and agencies	379
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	350	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	379
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	351	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTIONS OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	380
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	352	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	381
CONCLUSIONS	352	CONCLUSIONS	381
RECOMMENDATIONS	353	RECOMMENDATIONS	382
<b>Sources</b>	355	<b>Sources</b>	385
<b>COLOMBIA</b>		<b>ECUADOR</b>	
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Overcoming violence and achieving social development</b>	357	<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenges of productive change, overcoming poverty, and shaping a multiethnic society</b>	387
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND LABOR MARKET	358		

THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	388	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND LABOR MARKET: URBAN INFORMAL WORK AND THE CRISIS IN THE PEASANT ECONOMY	412
THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF THE CRISIS: THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICIES	389	THE POVERTY SITUATION AND SOCIAL POLICY	414
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	390	HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	415
HOUSING, BASIC SERVICES, AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	393	URBANIZATION AND HOUSING	416
ETHNIC AND CULTURAL CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS	394	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	417
THE EDUCATION SITUATION	395	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	418
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	395	THE SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE	419
SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH	396	THE SITUATION OF MARGINALIZED CHILDREN	420
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	396	ETHNIC CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS	420
THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS	397	THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW	421
		THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	421
		THE IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES	422
<b>Ecuadorean Red Cross: The challenge of diversifying services</b>	399	<b>Paraguayan Red Cross: The challenge of reorganization in a changing environment</b>	424
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	400	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	425
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	400	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	425
Administration and planning	400	Administration and planning	426
Human resources	401	Human resources	426
Finance and budgets	402	Finance and budget	427
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	402	ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	428
Principal activities	402	Principal activities	428
<i>Health services</i>	402	<i>Health services</i>	428
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	403	<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	428
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	403	<i>services</i>	428
<i>Other services</i>	403	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	429
Relations with the Government	403	<i>Other services</i>	429
Relations with other organizations and agencies	404	Relations with the Government	429
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	404	Relations with other organizations and agencies	430
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	404	THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	430
		THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	430
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	406	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	432
CONCLUSIONS	406	CONCLUSIONS	432
RECOMMENDATIONS	407	RECOMMENDATIONS	433
<b>Sources</b>	409	<b>Sources</b>	435
<b>PARAGUAY</b>		<b>PERU</b>	
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Democratic transition, social development, and integration in the Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR)</b>	411	<b>Socioeconomic reality: Economic crisis, widespread poverty, and political violence—a difficult agenda for the 1990s</b>	437



THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND DETERIORATION IN REAL INCOME	439	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND LABOR MARKET	466
THE EVOLUTION OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL POLICY	440	PREVALENCE OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL POLICIES	467
HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	441	THE HEALTH SITUATION, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	469
URBANIZATION AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	443	HOUSING AND BASIC SERVICES	471
ETHNIC CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS	444	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	471
THE SITUATION OF EDUCATION	445	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	472
THE SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF WOMEN	445	THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH	473
THE SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	446	THE SITUATION OF THE ELDERLY	473
VIOLENCE AND THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW	448	THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	474
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	449	<b>Uruguayan Red Cross: In search of diversification to meet changes and chart a new course</b>	475
THE IMPACT OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND AGENCIES	450	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	476
<b>Peruvian Red Cross: The challenge of unity to overcome the crisis</b>	451	Organizational structure and geographic coverage	476
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	452	Administration and planning	476
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	452	Human resources	477
Administration and planning	454	Finance and budget	477
Human resources	454	ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	478
Finance and budget	455	Principal activities	478
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	455	<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	478
Principal activities	455	<i>Health services</i>	478
<i>Health services</i>	456	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	479
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	456	<i>Other activities</i>	479
<i>Other activities</i>	456	Relations with the Government	479
Relations with the Government	457	Relations with other organizations and agencies	480
Relations with other organizations and agencies	457	THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	480
THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	457	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	480
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	457	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	482
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	458	CONCLUSIONS	482
CONCLUSIONS	458	RECOMMENDATIONS	483
RECOMMENDATIONS	460	<b>Sources</b>	485
<b>Sources</b>	462	<b>VENEZUELA</b>	
<b>URUGUAY</b>		<b>Socioeconomic reality: Political instability and poverty—threats to democracy</b>	487
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Equity and productive change in the Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR)</b>	465	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, LABOR MARKET, AND IMPACT OF THE INFORMAL ECONOMY	488
		THE POVERTY SITUATION IN VENEZUELA	488
		HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	489

HOUSING CONDITIONS, BASIC SERVICES, AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	491	EDUCATION	518
EDUCATION IN VENEZUELA	492	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	518
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	493		
THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH	494	<b>Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society: Meeting the challenges of disaster preparedness and institutional growth</b>	519
ETHNIC CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS	495	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	520
VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN VENEZUELA: A DIFFICULT SITUATION	496	Organizational and geographic structure	520
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	496	Administration and planning	520
THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	497	Human resources	521
		Finance and budget	521
		ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	522
<b>Venezuelan Red Cross: Program imbalance—transition or structural definition?</b>	499	Principal activities	522
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	500	<i>Disaster preparedness and first aid</i>	522
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	500	<i>Health and social welfare</i>	522
Administration and planning	501	<i>Other services</i>	522
Human resources	501	Relations with the Government	522
Financing and budgets	502	Relations with other organizations and agencies	523
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	503	ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	523
Principal activities	503	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	523
<i>Health services</i>	503		
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	504	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	524
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	504	CONCLUSIONS	524
<i>Other programs and activities</i>	504	RECOMMENDATIONS	525
Relations with the Government	505	<b>Sources</b>	527
Relations with other organizations and agencies	505		
THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	505	<b>BAHAMAS</b>	
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	506	<b>Socioeconomic reality: Confronting unemployment and combating drug trafficking—challenges for the 1990s</b>	529
		THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	530
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	507	HEALTH SITUATION	530
CONCLUSIONS	507	RISK OF AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	532
RECOMMENDATIONS	508		
<b>Sources</b>	511	<b>Bahamas Red Cross Society: Challenging geographic complexity and uneven development</b>	533
		ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	533
<b>THE CARIBBEAN, GUYANA, AND SURINAME</b>		Organizational and geographic structure	534
		Administration and planning	534
<b>ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b>		Human resources	535
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Confronting social problems in a changing economy</b>	515	Finance and budget	535
SOCIAL SITUATION: EMPLOYMENT, MARGINALITY, AND POVERTY	516	ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BAHAMAS RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	536
HEALTH SITUATION	517	Principal activities	536

<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	536	<b>CUBA</b>	
<i>Health services</i>	537	<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenges of economic survival and the uncertainties of the future</b>	561
<i>First-aid and emergency services</i>	537	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE WORK FORCE	563
<i>Other activities</i>	537	THE HEALTH SITUATION, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	564
Relations with the Government	538	THE HOUSING SITUATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	567
Relations with other organizations and agencies	538	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	568
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	538	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	568
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTIONS OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	538	THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION	569
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	539	THE RISK OF NATURAL DISASTERS	569
CONCLUSIONS	539	<b>Sources</b>	571
RECOMMENDATIONS	540	<b>DOMINICA</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	543	<b>Socioeconomic reality: Difficult entry of a vulnerable economy into world markets</b>	573
<b>BARBADOS</b>		SOCIAL SITUATION, EMPLOYMENT AND THE INFORMAL ECONOMY	574
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenge of maintaining high levels of human development while confronting the economic crisis and persistent poverty</b>	545	HEALTH SITUATION	575
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	547	THE ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION	575
THE HEALTH SITUATION	547	EDUCATION	576
EDUCATION	549	VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	576
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	549	<b>Dominica Red Cross: A Society seeking revitalization to meet future challenges</b>	578
<b>Barbados Red Cross Society: Facing an uncertain development</b>	551	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	578
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	551	Organizational and geographic structure	578
Organizational and geographic structure	551	Administration and planning	579
Administration and planning	552	Human resources	579
Human resources	553	Finance and budget	579
Finance and budget	553	THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DOMINICA RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	580
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BARBADOS RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	554	Principal activities	580
<i>Social welfare</i>	554	<i>First aid</i>	580
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	554	<i>Disaster preparedness</i>	580
<i>Health services</i>	555	<i>Other activities</i>	580
Relations with the Government	555	Relations with the Government	580
Relations with other organizations and agencies	555	Relations with other organizations and agencies	580
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	555	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	581
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	556	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	581
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	557	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	582
CONCLUSIONS	557	CONCLUSIONS	582
RECOMMENDATIONS	558	RECOMMENDATIONS	583
<b>Sources</b>	560	<b>Sources</b>	585

<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>			
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The development of a new economic model—crisis, adjustment, and deterioration in social indicators</b>	587		
THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	588	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	614
INCOME DETERIORATION, SOCIAL POLICIES, AND THE SPREAD OF POVERTY	589	HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	614
MIGRATION	590	EDUCATION	616
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	591	VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	616
HOUSING, BASIC SERVICES, AND URBAN MARGINALIZATION	593		
THE EDUCATION SITUATION	594	<b>Grenada Red Cross Society: Meeting new challenges amidst renovation and modernization</b>	618
THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	595	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	618
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	596	Organizational and geographic structure	618
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	598	Administration and planning	619
THE INFLUENCE OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND AGENCIES	598	Human resources	619
		Finance and budget	620
<b>Red Cross of the Dominican Republic: Transforming its relations with the state and solving its internal contradictions</b>	600	THE GRENADA RED CROSS'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	620
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	601	Principal activities	620
Organizational structure and geographic coverage	601	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	621
Administration and planning	601	<i>Social welfare</i>	621
Human resources	602	Relations with the Government	621
Finance and budgeting	603	Relations with other organizations and agencies	621
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	603	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	621
Principal activities	603	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	622
<i>Health services</i>	603		
<i>Social assistance and welfare services</i>	604	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	623
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	604	CONCLUSIONS	623
<i>Other programs and activities</i>	604	RECOMMENDATIONS	624
Relations with the Government	604		
Relations with other organizations and agencies	605	<b>Sources</b>	626
THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	605		
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	605	<b>GUYANA</b>	
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	606	<b>Socioeconomic reality: Overcoming the economic recession and social problems</b>	627
CONCLUSIONS	606	THE LABOR MARKET AND THE BOOM IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY	628
RECOMMENDATIONS	607	INCOME AND POVERTY	629
<b>Sources</b>	610	HEALTH SITUATION, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	629
		EDUCATION	632
<b>GRENADA</b>		THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	632
<b>Socioeconomic reality: Overcoming social problems, a challenge to an expanding economy</b>	613		
		<b>Guyana Red Cross Society: The challenges of creating an internal structure and attracting new generations</b>	633
		ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	634
		Organizational structure and geographic coverage	634
		Administration and planning	634

Human resources	635	Finance and budget	660
Finance and budget	635	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S ROLE AND	
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GUYANA RED		ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	661
CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	636	Principal activities	661
Principal activities	636	<i>Health services</i>	661
<i>Health</i>	636	<i>Social assistance and welfare</i>	661
<i>Social welfare</i>	636	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	661
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	637	<i>Other activities</i>	662
<i>Other activities</i>	637	Relations with the Government	662
Relations with the Government	637	Relations with other organizations	
Relations with other organizations		and agencies	662
and agencies	637	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	663
THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	637	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS	
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS		PUBLIC IMAGE	663
PUBLIC IMAGE	638		
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	639	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	664
CONCLUSIONS	639	CONCLUSIONS	664
RECOMMENDATIONS	640	RECOMMENDATIONS	665
<b>Sources</b>	643	<b>Sources</b>	667
<b>HAITI</b>		<b>JAMAICA</b>	
<b>Socioeconomic reality: A dramatic scenario</b>		<b>Socioeconomic reality: Structural adjustment</b>	
<b>of crisis, poverty, environmental</b>		<b>and social crisis</b>	669
<b>deterioration, and political instability</b>	645	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND LABOR	
EVOLUTION OF THE LABOR MARKET AND		MARKET	670
SPREAD OF POVERTY	647	THE POVERTY SITUATION	671
MIGRATIONS AND REFUGEES	647	HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL	
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION,		SANITATION	672
NUTRITION, AND FOOD SECURITY	648	MIGRATORY FLOWS	674
HOUSING, BASIC SERVICES, AND URBAN		EDUCATION	674
MARGINALIZATION: THE <i>BIDONVILLE</i>		SITUATION OF WOMEN	674
REALITY	651	ABUSED AND MARGINALIZED CHILDREN IN	
PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION: ILLITERACY AND		JAMAICA	675
BILINGUALISM	652	THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO	
THE SITUATION OF HAITIAN WOMEN	653	DISASTERS	675
SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH	654		
HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL		<b>Jamaica Red Cross Society: The challenges</b>	
HUMANITARIAN LAW	655	<b>of social development</b>	677
THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY CRISIS		ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	678
AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	655	Organizational and geographic	
INFLUENCE OF COOPERATION AND		structure	678
DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND AGENCIES	656	Administration and planning	678
		Human resources	679
		Finance and budget	679
<b>Haitian Red Cross: An institutional effort</b>		THE JAMAICA RED CROSS'S ROLE AND	
<b>confronting disparity between demands and</b>		ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	680
<b>resources</b>	658	Principal activities	680
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	659	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	680
Organizational structure and		<i>Social welfare and rehabilitation</i>	680
geographic coverage	659	<i>Health services</i>	680
Administration and planning	659	<i>Other activities</i>	681
Human resources	660		

Relations with the Government	681	THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND LABOR MARKET	705
Relations with other organizations and agencies	681	POVERTY SITUATION	705
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	681	HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	705
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	681	SITUATION OF THE ELDERLY	706
		HOUSING SITUATION AND POLICIES	706
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	683	SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION	707
CONCLUSIONS	683	WOMEN	707
RECOMMENDATIONS	684	MARGINALIZED CHILDREN AND YOUTH	707
		THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	708
<b>Sources</b>	686		
<b>ST. KITTS AND NEVIS</b>		<b>St. Lucia Red Cross Society: The challenge of laying solid bases to assure future growth</b>	709
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenge of translating economic growth into improvements in human development</b>	689	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	709
UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR MARKET	690	Organizational and geographic structure	709
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	690	Administration and planning	710
EDUCATION	691	Human resources	711
SITUATION OF WOMEN	692	Finance and budget	711
VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	692	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	711
		Principal activities	711
<b>St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society: The challenge of extending development as a newly-independent National Society</b>	693	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	711
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	693	<i>Health services</i>	712
Administration and planning	694	<i>Other activities</i>	712
Human resources	694	Relations with the Government	712
Finance and budget	695	Relations with other organizations and agencies	712
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ST. KITTS AND NEVIS RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	695	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	713
Principal activities	695	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	713
<i>Social welfare</i>	695	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	714
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	696	CONCLUSIONS	714
<i>Other activities</i>	696	RECOMMENDATIONS	715
Relations with the Government	696	<b>Sources</b>	717
Relations with other organizations and agencies	696		
ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	696	<b>ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES</b>	
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	697	<b>Socioeconomic reality: An expanding economy in search of better international integration</b>	719
		THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND LABOR MARKET	720
<b>Conclusions and recommendations'</b>	698	HEALTH SITUATION	720
CONCLUSIONS	698	THE EDUCATION SITUATION	721
RECOMMENDATIONS	699	THE SITUATION OF WOMEN	721
		THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	722
<b>Sources</b>	702		
<b>ST. LUCIA</b>		<b>St. Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society: The organizational and financial challenges facing a young National Society</b>	723
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The challenge of employment in a fragile, changing economy</b>	703		

ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	723	<i>Social welfare</i>	742
Organizational and geographic structure	723	<i>Other activities</i>	742
Administration and planning	724	Relations with the Government	743
Human resources	725	Relations with other organizations and agencies	743
Finance and budget	725	ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	743
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	726	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	744
Principal activities	726	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	745
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	726	CONCLUSIONS	745
<i>Health and social welfare</i>	726	RECOMMENDATIONS	746
Relations with the Government	726	<b>Sources</b>	749
Relations with other organizations and agencies	727	<b>TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO</b>	
ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	727	<b>Socioeconomic reality: The difficult balance between human development and structural adjustment</b>	751
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	727	EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THE INFORMAL ECONOMY	752
<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	728	MAGNITUDE AND SITUATION OF POVERTY	753
CONCLUSIONS	728	HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, AND NUTRITION	753
RECOMMENDATIONS	729	EDUCATION	755
<b>Sources</b>	732	WOMEN'S SITUATION	756
<b>SURINAME</b>		THE ENVIRONMENT AND VULNERABILITY TO DISASTERS	756
<b>Socioeconomic reality: The decade's tasks—restoring democracy and overcoming poverty</b>	733	<b>Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society: The challenge of decentralizing administrative authority and improving effectiveness</b>	757
SURINAME'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND THE LABOR MARKET	735	ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	758
INCOME AND POVERTY IN SURINAME	735	Organizational and geographic structure	758
MIGRATION ABROAD: A BRAKE ON DEVELOPMENT	736	Administration and planning	758
HEALTH SITUATION, NUTRITION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION	736	Human resources	759
EDUCATION	737	Finance and budget	759
<b>Red Cross of Suriname: Facing the challenge of national integration and growing vulnerabilities</b>	738	ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	760
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY	739	<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	760
Organizational and geographic structure	739	<i>Health services</i>	760
Administration and planning	740	<i>Social welfare</i>	760
Human resources	740	Relations with the Government	760
Finance and budget	741	Relations with other organizations and agencies	761
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SURINAMESE RED CROSS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY	741	THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL COOPERATION	761
Principal activities	741	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF ITS PUBLIC IMAGE	761
<i>Health services</i>	741	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>	762
<i>Relief and emergency services</i>	742	CONCLUSIONS	762
		RECOMMENDATIONS	763

<b>Sources</b>	766	The Americas Department: facing a different future	778
		A stronger role for the Regional Delegations	779
<b>THE FEDERATION AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS</b>		<b>Conclusions and recommendations to the Federation</b>	781
		CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE FEDERATION'S ROLE	781
		RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FEDERATION	783
<b>THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES</b>		<b>THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)</b>	
<b>The role of the Federation in relation to the National Societies in Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	769	<b>The role and activities of the ICRC in Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	787
THE CHALLENGE OF INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE SERVICES TO THE MOST VULNERABLE	769	THE CHALLENGE OF RECONCILING EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES'	
THE FEDERATION'S STRUCTURE IN THE AMERICAS	770	LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT GOALS	787
Geographic coverage	770	ICRC MANDATE AND STRUCTURE	788
The governing structure and the Secretariat	770	ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	788
Regional representations of the Federation	771	RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES	789
The Americas regional systems of interaction	771	Policy regarding development of National Societies	789
POLICIES AND PRACTICE: THE ROAD FROM DISASTERS TO DEVELOPMENT	772	National Societies' experience in cooperating with the ICRC	790
Objectives of the Federation	772	Integrity of National Societies	793
Disaster response in the Americas	773	<b>Conclusions and recommendations to the ICRC</b>	795
The Federation's emerging role in development	774	CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE ICRC	795
The Development Appeal: an exercise in coordination	775	RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ICRC	796
Development reality in the Americas: limited support	776	<b>Sources</b>	798
Special problem areas	777	<b>GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>	799
National Society statutory contributions to the Federation	777	<b>GLOSSARY</b>	817
THE NEED TO INCREASE THE FEDERATION'S RESPONSE CAPACITY	778	<b>MAPS</b>	825
Importance of communication and contacts	778	<b>ADDRESSES</b>	829



# THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

---

## HUMANITY

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavors, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation, and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

---

## IMPARTIALITY

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class, or political opinions. It endeavors to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

---

## NEUTRALITY

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature.

---

## INDEPENDENCE

The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the Principles of the Movement.

---

## VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It is a voluntary relief Movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

---

## UNITY

There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

---

## UNIVERSALITY

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

---

The Fundamental Principles were proclaimed by the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, Vienna, 1965. This is the revised text contained in the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, adopted by the XXVth International Conference of the Red Cross, Geneva, 1986.