



# Disaster Law Programme

## Summary Plan 2013

The IFRC's disaster law programme supports National Societies and governments to develop effective legal frameworks for disaster risk reduction and response. With an expanded mandate from the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference in 2011, the programme has a special focus on three key areas of disaster law – international disaster response laws, rules and principles (IDRL), law and disaster risk reduction, and regulatory barriers to post-disaster shelter.



### ***Building on progress***

In recent years, the efforts of National Societies and the IFRC to promote IDRL have resulted in new laws or rules in 11 countries, and revisions to legislation are pending in approximately a dozen more. Regional organizations across the world have responded positively to our recommendations on the importance of legal preparedness for disasters, as have a growing number of global partners, including the United Nations, which now regularly draws on the IFRC for expert advice in these matters. These advances have drawn on the *Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance* (IDRL Guidelines) as well as a pilot model act released in 2011.



In 2013, the IFRC will seek to add capacity to enable even more intensive promotion work at the country level and will also begin piloting new methods of empowering National Societies to carry forward this work.



The IFRC will also continue to foster engagement with key inter-governmental organizations and to help shape the direction of regional and global initiatives relevant to disaster law. While continuing its advocacy for improving disaster legal frameworks in general, it will also include particular work to foster support by states to facilitate Red Cross/Red Crescent response operations.

### ***Expanding the value we can add***

The IFRC will also take critical steps to build the Movement's capacity to support states in disaster law areas beyond IDRL. Together with UNDP, the IFRC will publish the most comprehensive comparative study ever produced on gaps and best practice in legislation for disaster risk reduction and begin wide-ranging consultations on a "Checklist for lawmakers on disaster risk reduction". Together with Shelter Cluster partners, the IFRC will also continue country-level research and global level consultations on practical solutions to regulatory barriers to post-disaster shelter.



This year will likely be a pivotal one in quietly bringing the issue of disaster law into the mainstream and establishing the Red Cross Red Crescent as the go-to source on this issue. The IFRC will encourage that trend, fostering academic engagement, while building the leadership of National Societies on the topic.

## **Programme team The Disaster Law Programme's five areas of work:**

### **1. Achieving change in domestic law**

- Support national societies to undertake technical assistance projects in at least 12 countries, mostly focused on IDRL but also gradually phasing in other disaster law issues
  - Ongoing: Afghanistan, Botswana, Colombia, Cook Islands, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Pakistan, Tajikistan
  - New (TBC): Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Malawi, Nicaragua, Senegal, South Sudan, Tonga, (other countries in MENA to be identified)
- Roll-out the (finalized) model act and (new) model decree on IDRL
- Together with UNDP and the IFRC Community Preparedness and Risk Reduction Department, conduct a comprehensive and high-level consultation on a "Checklist for lawmakers on disaster risk reduction" to be completed in 2015

### **2. Fostering effective international and regional frameworks**

- Participate in the revision of the Principles and Rules for Red Cross/Red Crescent Disaster Relief and develop associated commitments by states to facilitate Red Cross/Red Crescent operations in preparation for the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference in 2015
- Influence key initiatives such as the certification debate, and the development of the successor to the Hyogo Framework
- Work with IGOs and regional organizations to strengthen implementation of existing disaster law instruments (such as the WCO agreements and the Kampala Convention) and the potential development of new or revised instruments (such as the AU's new humanitarian policy framework and CAPRADE's new manual on disaster cooperation)

### **3. Building our capacity**

- Support in-house disaster law experts and volunteers in selected National Societies as well as regional peer groups (such as the Americas National Societies' Disaster Law Network)
- Train National Societies, governments and partners on a full range of disaster law issues of interest to the Red Cross Red Crescent (including via the high-level disaster law short course, an advanced training course for IFRC and National Societies, and regional trainings)
- Develop and disseminate tools such as the legislative advocacy manual and planning tools for technical assistance projects

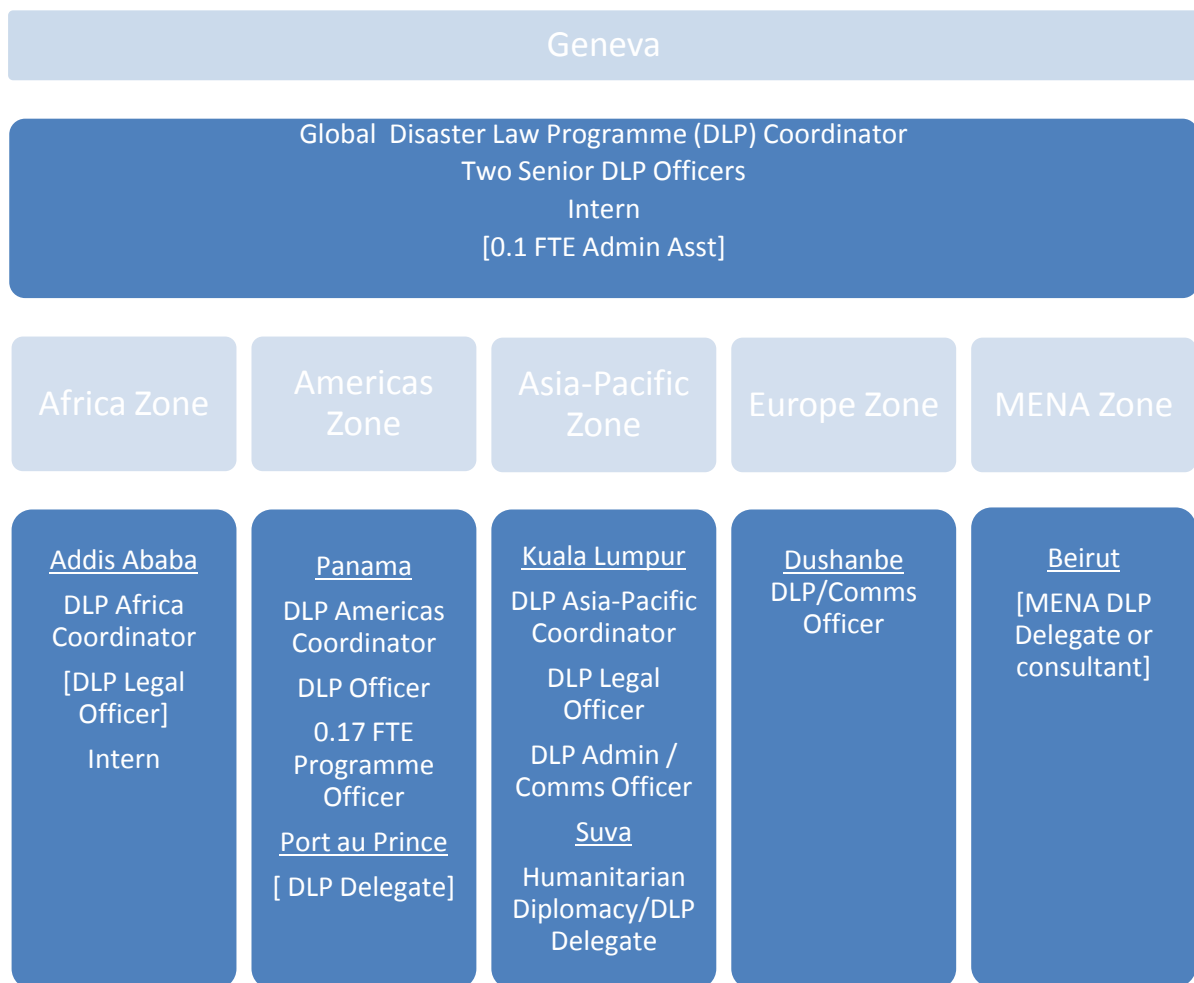
### **4. Developing our knowledge**

- With UNDP, complete a major new study on global best practice and gaps in legal frameworks for disaster risk reduction, drawing on desk research in 20 countries and impact assessments in 11 countries (China, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Vanuatu, and Vietnam), followed by a detailed handbook to assist governments and National Societies to use the results
- Together with the Shelter Department and Shelter Cluster partners, continue work on a major new study on potential solutions and tools to address regulatory barriers to post-disaster shelter, building on desk reviews at the country level and consultations with governmental authorities and shelter practitioners
- Pilot real-time deployments of disaster law personnel for assessments of regulatory issues in disaster operations

## 5. Getting the message out

- Develop a disaster law network to support dialogue among lawyers and DM experts and heighten IFRC DLP profile at major international and regional conferences
- Engage permanent missions by establishing regular briefings, disaster managers through consultations and trainings, and academics through articles, draft syllabi, and a student essay competition
- Develop thematic communications materials (op-eds, videos, key messages) on issues related to IDRL, DRR and law, and regulatory barriers to shelter

## Programme team



## Summary budget

	Global	Africa	Am*	A-P	MENA	Europe	Total
<b>Human resources</b>	<b>576,300</b>	<b>204,200</b>	<b>492,000</b>	<b>378,092</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>1,572,092</b>
IFRC Disaster Law Programme personnel	576,300	204,200	332,000	378,092	60,000	20,000	1,572,092
National Society Supported Staff			160,000				
<b>1. Achieving change in domestic law</b>	<b>28,150</b>	<b>172,387</b>	<b>138,975</b>	<b>157,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>501,512</b>
Country-based technical assistance projects		115,400	116,075	154,000			385,475
Model IDRL act and decree	16,400	8,000		3,000			27,400
Checklist for lawmakers on DRR and law	11,750	48,987	22,900		5,000		88,637
Shelter pilot projects							
<b>2. Fostering int'l and reg. frameworks</b>	<b>71,828</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>39,025</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>301,353</b>
Hosted meetings and workshops	39,040	170,000	39,025	20,500			268,565
Global tools for post-disaster shelter	32,788						32,788
<b>3. Building our capacity</b>	<b>82,703</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>106,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>344,503</b>
Training workshops	65,603	30,800	60,500	80,000	15,000		251,903
Legal Network and peer-to-peer activities		20,000	45,500		10,000		75,500
Training materials	17,100						17,100
<b>4. Developing our knowledge</b>	<b>88,596</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>63,749</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>		<b>200,345</b>
DRR research project	46,966		23,749	25,000			95,715
Post disaster shelter research	36,075		25,000	3,000			64,075
Other research	5,555	5,000	15,000		15,000		40,555
<b>5. Getting the message out</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>24,115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>150,715</b>
Events	9,225		5,000		35,000	45,000	94,225
Essay contest	2,175						2,175
DLP videos	5,200						5,200
Information sharing (incl. printing, translation)		20,000	19,115		10,000		49,115
<b>6. Monitoring and Evaluation</b>	<b>13,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,335</b>
External evaluation of the DLP	13,335						13,335
<b>General and fixed costs</b>	<b>86,184</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>64,500</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249,584</b>
Other Travel & related expenses	10,000	25,000	64,500	15,000			114,500
Office costs & communications fixed cost	75,184	54,000		3,000			130,584
Computer supplies	1,000	1,000		2,500			4,500
<b>Total Before PSSR</b>	<b>963,696</b>	<b>702,387</b>	<b>928,364</b>	<b>684,092</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>3,333,438</b>
Programme Support (PSSR) 6.5%	62,640	45,655	60,343	44,466	9,750	4,225	213,098
Estimated pledge coding fee		1,154		6,811			
<b>Total with PSSR</b>	<b>1,026,335</b>	<b>749,196</b>	<b>988,707</b>	<b>735,369</b>	<b>159,750</b>	<b>69,225</b>	<b>3,499,501</b>