




# Finnish Red Cross International Aid



Haiyan, Philippines 2013.  
Baby that was born in the Red  
Cross clinic in Samar island.

Foto: Maija Tammi

# The International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement

Finnish Red Cross

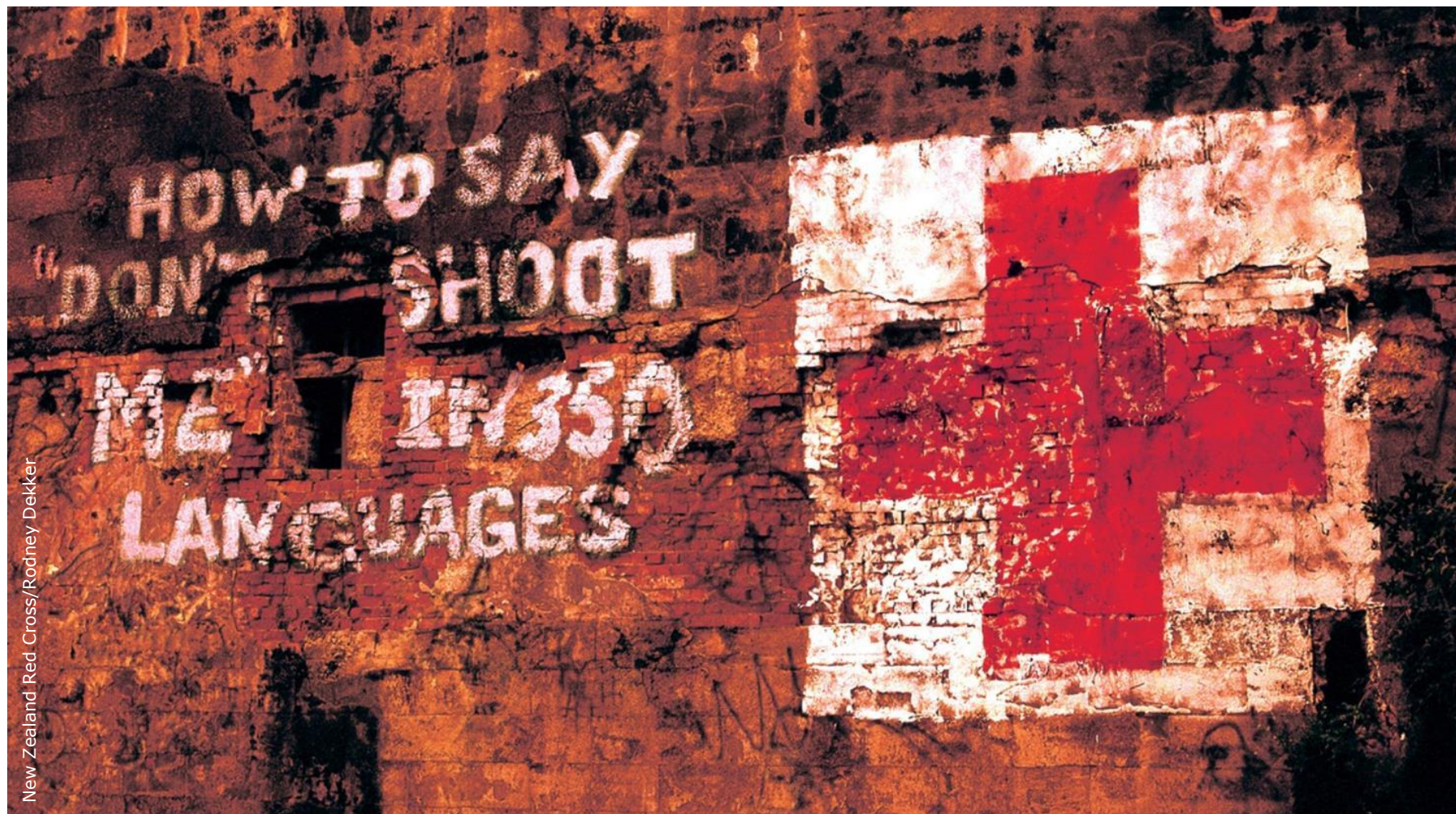


- **Before, during and after catastrophies**
- 189 National Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies
- The world's largest humanitarian network
- **Neutral and impartial**
- Provides protection and assistance to people affected by disasters and conflicts
- **Volunteer organization**





# How do you say 'Don't shoot me' in 350 languages?



New Zealand Red Cross/Rodney Dekker



# The red cross emblem is a protective sign

THE EMBLEM PROTECTS YOU -  
YOU PROTECT THE EMBLEM



- The red cross on a white background was designated as a protective emblem in the original Geneva Convention of 1864.
- The emblem protects medical activities and Red Cross humanitarian action in war.
- The red cross emblem is not a general symbol for first aid or medical care.

[humanitaarinoikeus.fi](http://humanitaarinoikeus.fi)  
[suojamerkki.fi](http://suojamerkki.fi)



# The red cross emblem is also a logo

- The Red Cross can use the emblem in its activities.
- The emblem is a promise of voluntary, neutral and impartial assistance.

[redcross.fi/membership](https://redcross.fi/membership)



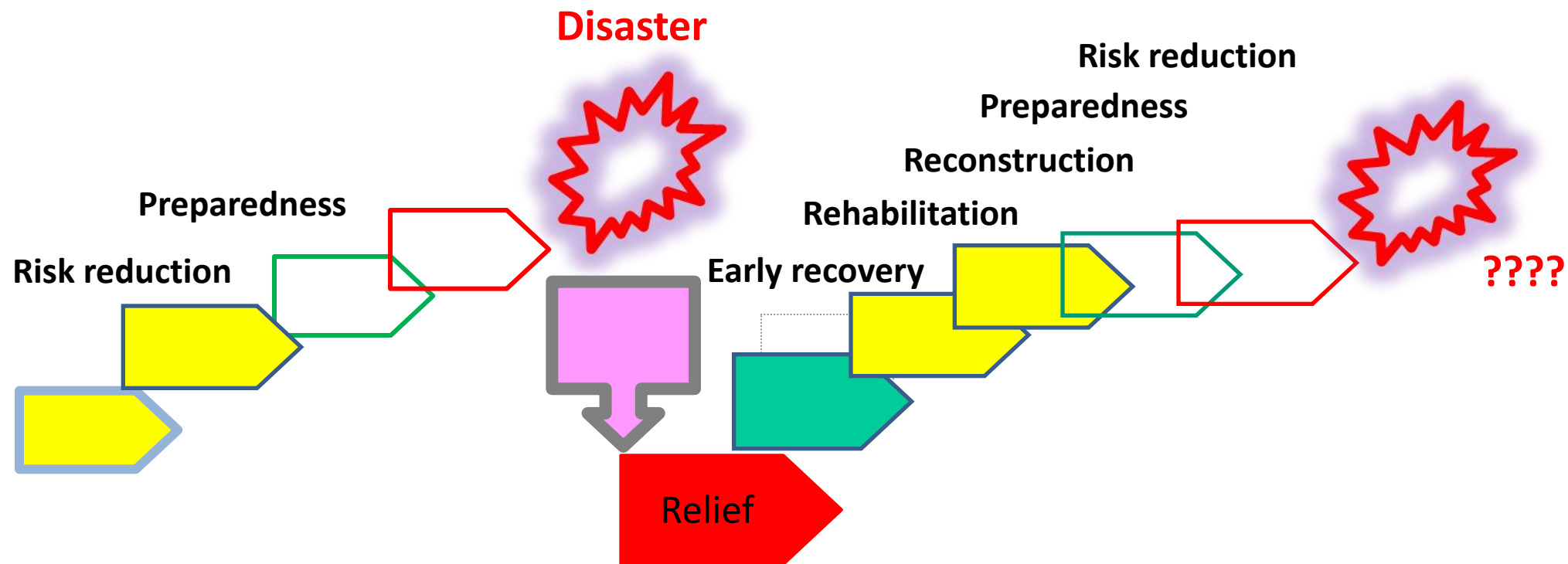
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BECOME A MEMBER  
- IT'S A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

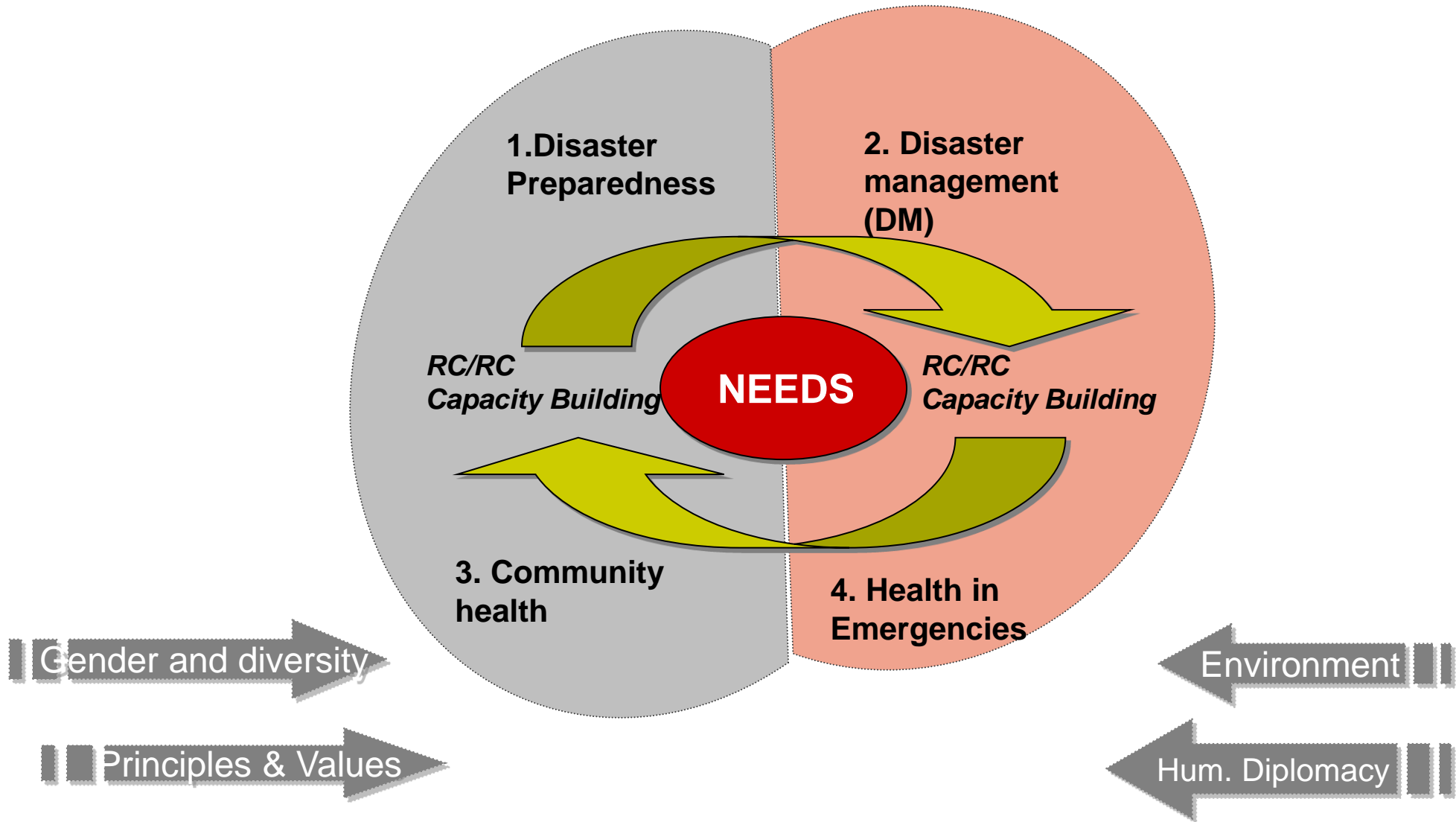


# Finnish Red Cross Development Cooperation

# Red Cross aid is a continuum



# FRC Areas of work



# Community-Based Health and First Aid

Finnish Red Cross



Community Based Health Programme, Sierra Leone



# Water and Sanitation



Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Training.  
Cholera Response 2012, Sierra Leone.

Securing clean water sources in Kenia



# Disaster Preparedness

Finnish Red Cross



First aid group practicing in Bolivia



# Disaster Risk Reduction



# Awareness raising Information, education and communication

Finnish Red Cross





## **1/3** of FRC Help to Development Cooperation

Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, (Central African Republic), Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Malawi, Mongolia, Cambodia, East Timor, Afghanistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay, Honduras, El Salvador

## **2/3** of FRC Help to Catastrophies

Sudan, Chad, DPRK, Afghanistan, Somalia, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Mali, Niger, Haiti, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone

# **Finnish Red Cross Humanitarian Aid**

# Humanitarian aid

- **Disasters – natural or man made**
- **Chronic crises**
- **Silent / forgotten crises**
- **Post-Conflict situations**



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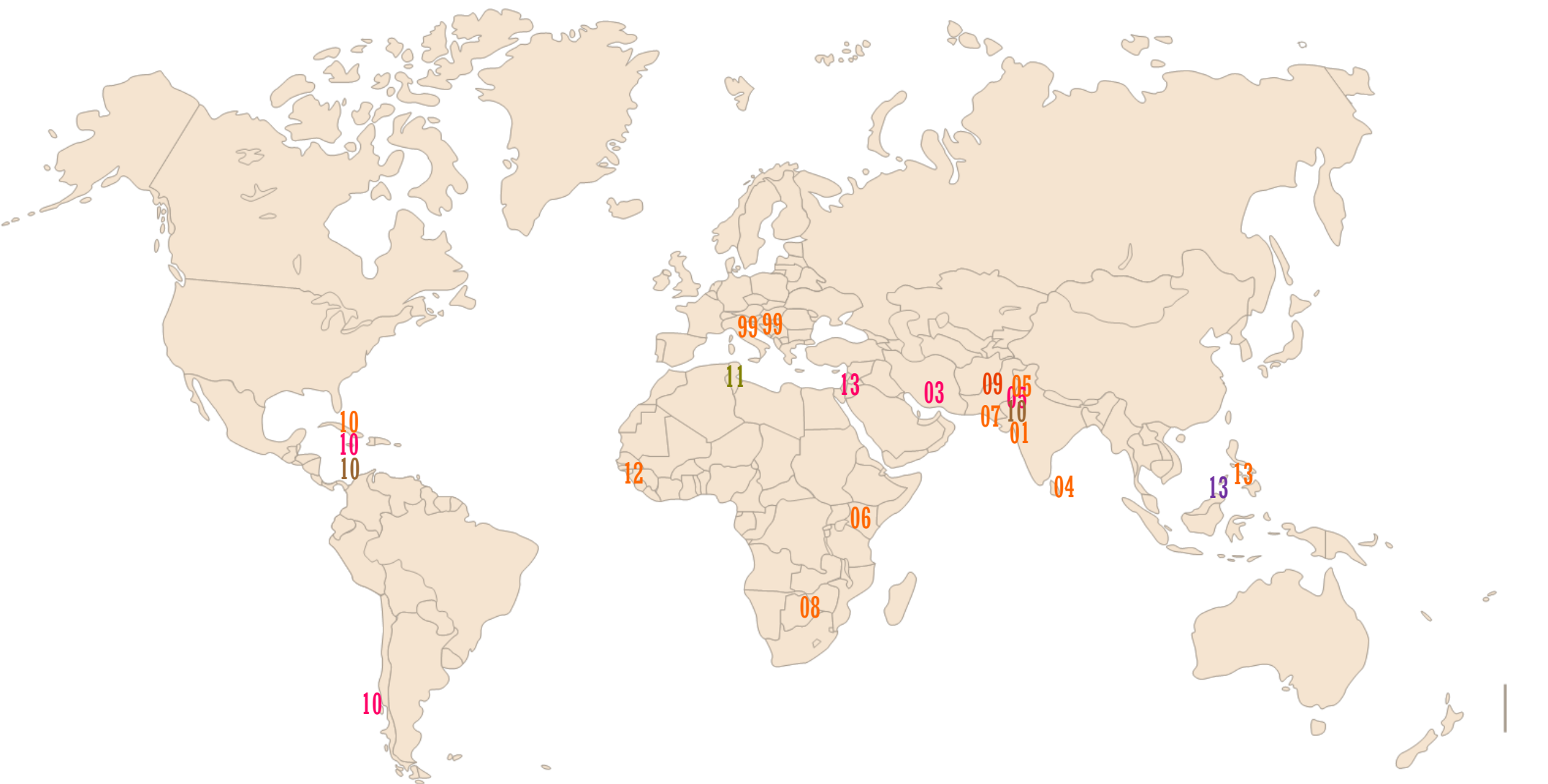


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# FRC ERU/RDU operations



# Youth delegate and delegate opportunities



# Youth delegate course

- Topics include among others Red Cross programmes in Finland and abroad, project management, organizational development, mission related health and security
- Prepares the participants to act in different organizational development related positions in Finland and abroad
- Organized once a year. Next course 23.-28.5.2015, applications period 1.1.-28.2.2015. Free of charge, held in English.
- Apply if:
  - You are 18 to 28 years of age
  - You are fluent in English
  - You have volunteering experience from Red Cross or another organization and you understand the difference between volunteering and paid employment
- More information: Training Officer Maija Salava, [maija.salava\(at\)redcross.fi](mailto:maija.salava@redcross.fi) and Training Assistant Viivi Mouhu, [viivi.mouhu\(at\)redcross.fi](mailto:viivi.mouhu@redcross.fi)



# What are aid workers made of?

## Language skills

- English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian...

## Flexibility

- Working in changing environments, challenging settings, multicultural teams...

## Experience

- Volunteering experience +++
- Positive if experience from abroad and intercultural groups

## Skills to lead, facilitate and train

- To build local capacities

# Several professional fields

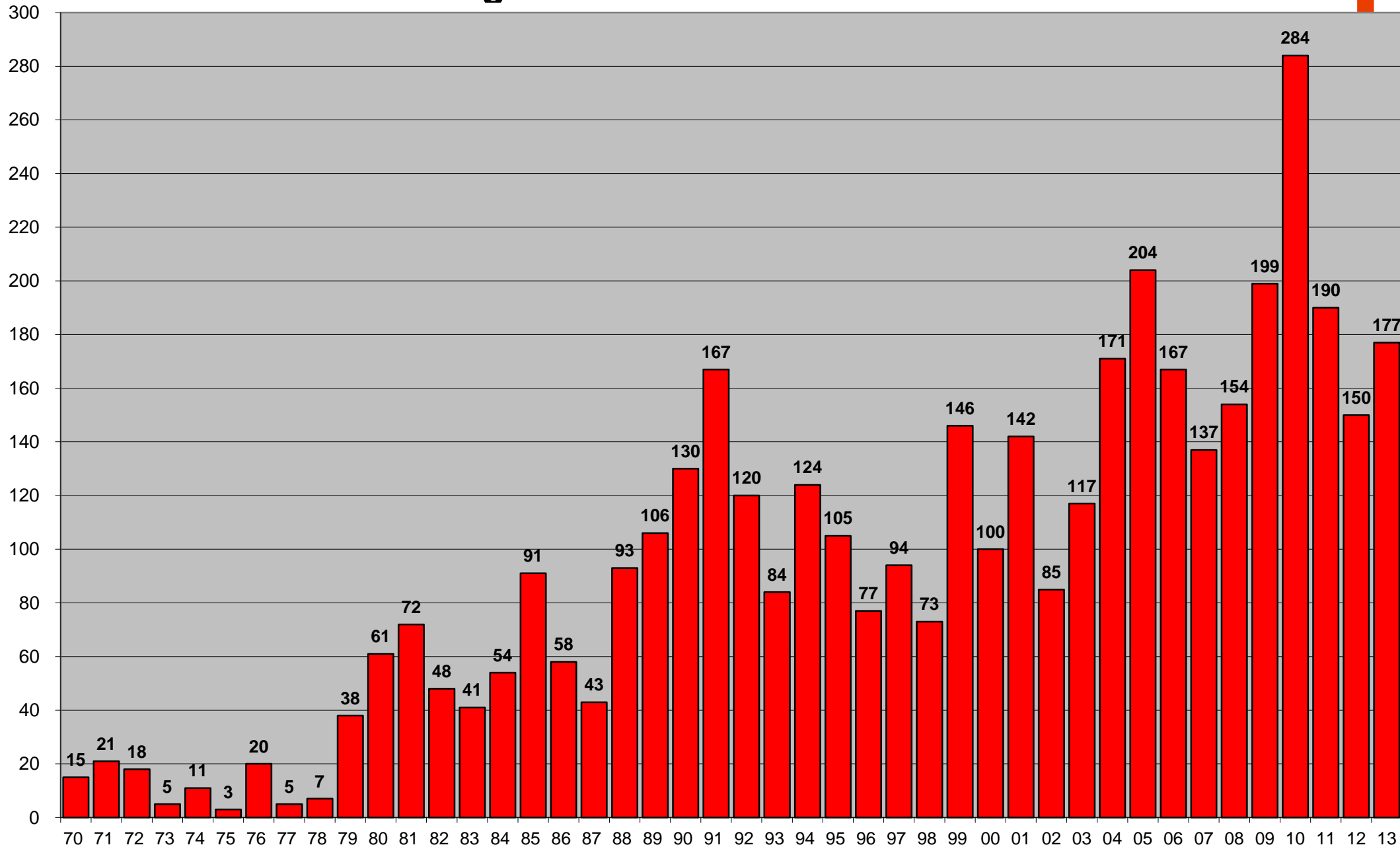
- Health
- Disaster Management
- Project Management
- Organizational Development
- Finance management
- Logistics
- Engineering
- IT
- Communication

# When should you apply for the delegate training?



- If:
  - you adjust easily to working in multicultural and unpredictable environments
  - If you have an understanding of what working with an NGO or the Red Cross is about...
- And:
  - You are 25–55 years of age.
  - You have an education and a minimum of three years of work experience relevant to the task.
  - You are fluent in English (both written and spoken), further language skills are considered a great advantage.
- Plus:
  - An academic degree is an advantage in for most tasks.
  - Experience from project management and conducting trainings appreciated.

# FRC delegate missions



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Questions? Thank you!