

JOINT COMMISSION
OF THE EMPRESS SHÔKEN FUND

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To all National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Sixty-ninth distribution of income

The Joint Commission entrusted with the distribution of the income of the Empress Shôken Fund met in Geneva on 28 March 1990. The Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan in Geneva, His Excellency Mr. Hidetoshi Ukawa, attended the meeting and represented the Japanese Red Cross Society.

The Commission approved the statement of accounts on the situation of the Fund as at 31 December 1989 and noted that the balance available amounted to 334,611 Swiss francs.

In examining the 34 projects presented by 31 National Societies, the Joint Commission reviewed the experiences of the past few years, and reconfirmed the following criteria:

- a. To restrict the number of grants, thereby increasing the amount of each so as to permit the beneficiary National Societies to implement the plans envisaged;
- b. To consider requests only from developing National Societies unable to have their projects financed otherwise and, among such Societies, whenever feasible, those which have hitherto benefited least from assistance from the Empress Shôken Fund;
- c. To refrain from considering requests from National Societies which have received grants in the past and which did not meet the requirements under Article 7 of the Regulations stipulating that the beneficiary National Societies are to submit a report on the use of the grants received.

- d. In the event of an allocation the Secretariat of the Joint Commission will decide whether purchase arrangements will be made by the League's Logistics Service or directly by the beneficiary Society.
- e. If the item(s) requested is (are) immediately available on the local market or can be manufactured locally, the National Society shall submit to the Joint Commission an original offer or pro forma invoice, drawn up in English, French or Spanish and indicating a reliable date of delivery. In accordance with internationally accepted business rules the Joint Commission will transfer 50% of the indicated price to enable the National Society to place the order. The balance will be transferred only upon receipt of the seller's or manufacturer's delivery form and of the final invoice on which the initial down payment is duly entered.
- f. If the goods are to be imported, the League's Logistics Service will handle all purchase and shipping arrangements. The beneficiary Society may wish to communicate to the Joint Commission the name and full address of its shipping agent.
- g. Allocations remaining unclaimed or unused after twelve months will be withdrawn and added to the amount available for the next distribution.

Thirty-one National Societies submitted requests for allocations from the 69th distribution of income and the Joint Commission decided to make the following grants based on the above-mentioned criteria:

		<i>Swiss francs</i>
1) Antigua and Barbuda		
1 4WD Toyota Land Cruiser for disaster relief and first-aid activities		33,000
2) Benin		
1 "Toyota Hiace" minibus for first-aid and Red Cross Youth activities		30,000
3) Chile		
1 "Volkswagen" 1600cc minibus to facilitate community services of the regional Red Cross branch of Puerto Montt		20,000
4) Fiji		
Training and library facilities, i.e. building materials and equipment, and wheelchair workshop equipment		12,000
5) Ghana		
1 lorry for use in disaster preparedness and other Red Cross activities		50,000
6) Indonesia		
Mannequins (dolls) and recording paper for first-aid training		25,000

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7) Lesotho	
1 4WD "Volkswagen" minibus for health, social welfare and Red Cross Youth activities	35,000
8) Mongolia	
1 computer set INTEL 80386 and NEC Colour TV model CT 2003 MT for the dissemination of international humanitarian law	30,000
9) Peru	
To set up a wheelchair bank of about 50 wheelchairs at the headquarters of the Peruvian Red Cross	18,000
10) Somalia	
To partly finance the establishment of a 24-hour ambulance service in Mogadishu and surroundings	50,000
11) Western Samoa	
1 "Toyota Hiace" minibus for health and social welfare activities	30,000

The above allocations total 333,000 Swiss francs. The Joint Commission decided that the unused balance of 1,611 Swiss francs will be added to the income available for the 70th distribution (1991).

Pursuant to the Fund's Regulations, each beneficiary Society must submit to the Joint Commission a report on results achieved in using the equipment purchased with the grant. The Joint Commission requests that these descriptive reports be sent not later than twelve months after receiving the allocation, accompanied, if possible, by photographs illustrating the activities carried out thanks to the allocation. The report should show whether the grant has enabled the Society to implement the programme, and whether the programme has in fact met the needs of the population, so that the Joint Commission can form an opinion on results achieved.

The Joint Commission reminds beneficiary Societies of Article 6 of the Regulations which prohibits the assigning of the grant for purposes other than those specified without the prior consent of the Joint Commission.

70th distribution—1991

The 1990 income will be distributed in 1991. To help National Societies make applications in accordance with the Regulations, the Joint Commission will mail model application forms to all National Societies in August. It will also supply National Societies with criteria and guidelines regarding projects that could be financed—wholly or partly—by the Empress Shôken Fund.

Requests for grants must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Joint Commission before 31 December 1990.

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