

abounds with gems from the treasures of human philosophy. In addition, its central theme is one of the most important questions of today, namely : what measure of humanity lies in each of us and to what extent are we prepared to exceed social, national, religious and other limitations, to bring help to those in need ?

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Relief actions vary in size and in type. The appeal from Geneva may be on behalf of victims of a measles epidemic in Turkey, for starving refugees in Somalia, flood victims in Jordan, ex-detainees in Ghana, Greek earthquake victims, famine-stricken refugees in Burundi, or earthquake victims in Chile. All these and many more have happened in the past few months. Each is a different and difficult challenge taxing the resources and the ingenuity of even the most seasoned of Red Cross relief experts. The opportunities for the alleviation and prevention of suffering are almost without limit. Almost always the needs are vastly greater than the means to meet them.

The world-wide Red Cross relief network is only as effective as the support given it. Its work depends primarily on the never-failing generosity of untold millions of people throughout the world. Every relief action carried out gives further proof that human kindness is inexhaustible, and creates new personal ties of understanding and goodwill.

By organising human kindness in every country, and giving it practical expression in international relief work, the League of Red Cross Societies is steadily helping to build up a solid basis for peace. It is against this future background, as well as that of alleviating human suffering in emergency, that the achievements of the international Red Cross relief actions must be measured.
