

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Grants from the Maurice de Madre French Fund

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*To the Central Committees of the National
Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In its Circular No. 512, dated 20 November 1978, the International Committee of the Red Cross communicated to the National Societies the conditions under which applications for grants could be made in aid of their delegates or nurses who, in the course of their relief work during war operations or natural disasters, had suffered injury and had thereby found themselves in straitened circumstances or in reduced health (article 2 of the Regulations of the Maurice de Madre French Fund, adopted on 19 December 1974 by the ICRC Assembly).

With a view to facilitating the utilization of the amounts placed at the disposal of the ICRC, League and National Societies, the ICRC has decided, on the proposal of the Board of the Maurice de Madre Fund, to amend the Fund's Regulations of 19 December 1974 (as printed in the February 1976 issue, No. 179, of the *International Review of the Red Cross*, p. 70). The text of the amended Regulations, as adopted by the ICRC Assembly on 9 April 1981, is attached hereto.

The amendments concern essentially two points:

1. The property bequeathed by the late Comte de Madre was originally intended to be used to pay for rest and convalescence cures. But it was also agreed that payments could take the form of a financial subsidy, as stated in Circular No. 512 (para. 4). This provision has now been incorporated in the Regulations (article 2.2).
2. During the recent events in Nicaragua, several members of the National Red Cross Society working as first aiders were killed, leaving their next of kin in particularly straitened circumstances. A special fund had to be set up to provide aid for these families, as it was not possible at the time to draw upon the de Madre Fund. Such situations are quite likely, unhappily, to be met with again. That is the reason why the range of beneficiaries has been extended to the families of persons who die in the performance of their humanitarian mission (article 2.3).

The Board of the Maurice de Madre French Fund will therefore receive not only applications for grants concerning wounded, sick or disabled persons, under the conditions laid down in article 2.1 of the Fund's Regulations, but also applications for grants in aid of the families of persons killed in such circumstances.

The following points must be taken into account when presenting applications for grants to this new category of beneficiaries:

- (a) Requests for grants, as before, must be submitted by the organization to which the deceased person belonged (National Society, League or ICRC).
- (b) They must contain the same information on the deceased person as that required by the grant application annexed to Circular No. 512.
- (c) They must specify the date of death and the circumstances in which the death occurred, in the course, or as a result, of the action on which the request is based (a certificate signed by the doctor who recorded the death must be attached).
- (d) They must give appropriate information on the person or persons in whose aid the request is being made (such as kinship to the de-

ceased; whether totally or partly dependent; financial situation after the death, in particular, information on life assurance policies and/or compensation paid or due to be paid).

Revised grant application forms are attached to the present circular.

Yours faithfully,

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

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President

N. B. Owing to the large amount of material for publication, the International Review has only now been able to publish this circular. Copies have already been sent by letter to all National Societies. (Ed.)