

JOINT COMMISSION OF THE EMPRESS SHÔKEN FUND

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To all National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Sixty-eighth distribution of income

The Joint Commission entrusted with the distribution of the income of the Empress Shôken Fund met in Geneva on 29 March 1989. The Japanese Red Cross Society was represented by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan in Geneva, His Excellency Mr. Yoshio Hatano.

The Commission approved the statement of accounts on the situation of the Fund as at 31 December 1988 and noted that the balance available amounted to 322,062 Swiss francs. It was decided to increase the sum available to approximately 350,000 Swiss francs by a corresponding transfer from the provision for losses on investments.

In examining the 31 projects presented by 26 National Societies, the Joint Commission reviewed the experiences of the past few years. The Commission noted that the following criteria were still valid:

- a. to restrict the number of allocations and thereby increasing the allocations so as to permit the beneficiary National Societies to implement the plans envisaged;
- b. to uphold only those 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 the requests from National Societies which received allocations in the past and which did not conform to the requirements under Article 7 of the Regulations according to which the beneficiary National Societies are expected to submit a detailed report on the use of the allocations received.

The Joint Commission furthermore decided that:

- 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 proforma invoice, established 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 from abroad, 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.

Twenty-six National Societies submitted requests for allocations from the 68th distribution of income and the Joint Commission decided to make the following grants based on the above-mentioned criteria:

Swiss francs

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| 1) Ecuatorial Guinea | |
| 1 Ambulance type "Renault" or "Peugeot" and First Aid supplies | 40,000 |
| 2) Guinea (Conakry) | |
| 1 Mini Bus type "Toyota Hi-Lux" for Youth Red Cross activities | 28,000 |
| 3) Guyana | |
| 2 Station Wagons type "Mazda 323" to develop Youth activities, First Aid and Rescue programmes, and Social Welfare activities | 52,000 |

4) Lebanon	To update teaching material for First Aid programmes	7,000
5) Madagascar	1 Lorry for use in Disaster Preparedness, Community Health and Youth Red Cross activities	52,000
6) Morocco	Mini Bus type "Renault trafic" for Disaster Relief Emergency Centre in Rabat	23,000
7) Panama	1 Mini Bus type "Toyota Hi-Lux" for Health, Social Welfare and Youth Red Cross activities	25,000
8) Solomon Islands	1 Mini Bus to develop the Blood Transfusion Services	26,000
9) Togo	1 Mini Bus for the training and activities of First Aid teams	26,000
10) Tonga	1 Twelve-seater van type "Toyota Hiace" for the transport of Disabled, Youth Red Cross and First Aid teams, etc.	24,000
11) Tuvalu	1 Mini Bus "Toyota Hi-Lux" for Rehabilitation programmes for Disabled, Blood Donor recruitment and Youth Red Cross activities	26,000
12) Yemen (Arab Rep.)	To equip and furnish the First Aid Emergency Centre in Sana'a	20,000

The Joint Commission decided that the unused balance will be added to the income available for the 69th Distribution.

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 allocation 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 is in a position to form an opinion on results achieved.

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

69th Distribution — 1990

The 1989 income will be distributed in 1990. To facilitate National Societies to make applications in conformity with the Regulations, the Joint Commission will mail in August model application forms to all National Societies. Requests for allocation must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Joint Commission before 31 December 1989.

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