

JOINT COMMISSION OF THE EMPRESS SHÔKEN FUND

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Sixty-seventh distribution of income

The Joint Commission entrusted with the distribution of the income of the Empress Shôken Fund met in Geneva on 18 March 1988. The Japanese Red Cross Society was represented by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan in Geneva, His Excellency, Mr. Yoshio Hatano.

The Commission noted the statement of accounts and the situation of the Fund as at 31 December 1987 and confirmed that the balance available amounted to 306 094.35 Swiss francs.

In examining the 26 applications, the Joint Commission reviewed the experiences of the past few years. The Commission noted that the following criteria which it had established 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 have received allocations in the past and which have not conformed 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 67th distribution of income and the Joint Commission decided to make the following grants based on the above-mentioned criteria:

		<i>Swiss francs</i>
1)	Barbados Red Cross Society 1 Nine-seater van for First Aid Service and "Meals on Wheels" Programme	22,000
2)	Bolivian Red Cross 1 Ambulance, double traction, for Disaster Preparedness and Medical Services	38,000
3)	Red Cross of Cape Verde 1 "Peugeot 505 GLD" car for First Aid teams on the island of Santiago	30,000
4)	Red Crescent Society of Djibouti 1 Ambulance type "Toyota Land Cruiser" for the dispensary at Djibouti	38,000
5)	Hellenic Red Cross Medical and nursing material for the Health and Social Welfare Programme	15,000

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| 6) | Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society
1 Ten-seater bus type "Nissan G20" for the Youth Red Cross Development Programme | 20,000 |
| 7) | Senegalese Red Cross Society
1 Diesel 4 WD "Pajero" for the supervision of medico-social activities | 38,000 |
| 8) | The Solomon Islands Red Cross
Clothing, cooking utensils, food, bush knives and axes for distribution by the Red Cross General Welfare Services | 10,000 |
| 9) | Syrian Arab Red Crescent
1 Fifteen-seater bus for the Red Crescent Hospital at Aleppo | 30,000 |
| 10) | Tanzania Red Cross National Society
1 Four-wheel-drive vehicle for the AIDS Control Programme | 35,000 |
| 11) | The Thai Red Cross Society
1 Six-wheeled water tank, 4,000 litres, for the Disaster Relief Services | 30,000 |

The Joint Commission decided that the unused balance of 94.35 Swiss francs will be added to the income available for the 68th 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 as part of the project financed with 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.

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In accordance with the regulations, the 1988 income will be distributed in 1989. To facilitate National Societies to make applications in conformity with

the Regulations, the Joint Commission will send in the near future model application forms to all National Societies. Requests for allocation must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Joint Commission before 31 December 1988.

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