

**REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR
2006**



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FOR THE YEAR 2006**

PART I

**ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE CYPRUS RED CROSS
SOCIETY**

A. ESTABLISHMENT AND OBJECTIVES

The Cyprus Red Cross was first created on the 12th December, 1950. After independence and accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the Geneva Conventions, the Red Cross, as from 1st November 1969, was established under the Cyprus Red Cross Society Law, No. 39 of 1967, as a body corporate and recognized as an Independent Voluntary Aid Society auxiliary to the public authorities both for the purposes of the Geneva Conventions and otherwise, having the right to use the heraldic emblem of a red cross on a white ground. The Law also provides that the independence and voluntary nature of the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall at all times be respected in accordance with the resolution relative to national Red Cross Societies adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 19th November 1946.

2. The objectives of the Society are set out in the Cyprus Red Cross Society Law and the Rules of the Society and are consonant with the principles of the Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions.

B. MANAGEMENT ETC. OF THE SOCIETY AND RULES

3. The management of the affairs of the Society, the authorities, the membership of the Society and the other matters pertaining to the Society are regulated by the Rules of the Society made by the Council and approved by the General Assembly. The Rules, as amended and consolidated, were approved by the Council of the Society at its meeting on 14th November, 1975, and by the General Assembly at its meeting of 16th December, 1975. The Rules were further revised and approved by the Council in December 1979, December 1981, December 1983 and December 1985.

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C. AUTHORITIES OF THE SOCIETY

4. The main authorities of the Society, as provided by the Rules, are the following:

(1) **The General Assembly**, which consists of the members of the Council, the Presidents of the Committees of Subsidiary Units and of Representatives of such Units, elected for the purpose at general meetings of the Subsidiary Units. The number so elected is one representative per ten members.

(2) **The Council of the Society**, which consists of a number of members (not exceeding twenty) elected by the General Assembly, of the Presidents of Branches and of certain officers of the Society. The Chairman of the Council is the President of the Society. The composition of the Council in 2006 appears at Annex I.

ANNEX I

(3) **The Executive Committee**, which consists of certain officers of the Society and such other members as may be appointed by the Council. The composition of the Executive Committee in 2006 appears at Annex II.

ANNEX II

(4) **Subsidiary Unit Committees**, which consist of up to twenty-five members elected at annual general meetings of members of the Subsidiary Unit concerned, every two years. Under the Rules of the Society, the Council may authorize the formation of local Branches, Divisions, Groups or other Subsidiary Units. There were in 2006 six Branches of the Society and six District Committees of the Youth Section.

(5) **Committees** entrusted with specific functions, appointed by the Council or the Executive Committee, and subcommittees of Branches appointed by the Branches. The standing Committees appointed by the Council or the Executive Committee subsisting during 2006 were the Youth Red Cross Section Central Committee, the Red Cross Home for Sick Children Management Committee and the Finance Committee as of 27 February 2006 is composed of six members. Ad Hoc Committees were appointed to carry out particular functions or prepare reports on particular matters. Various subcommittees appointed by the Branches also operated in 2006.

ANNEX IIa

D. MEMBERSHIP

5. Any person can become a member of the Society without any distinction as to race, nationality, class, sex, religion or faith or political opinions.

6. The categories of members of the Society are three: Ordinary members, Youth members and Life members.

7. The membership of the Society at the end of the year under review was as follows:-

<u>Ordinary Members:</u>	
Nicosia Branch	1 200
Limassol Branch	625
Famagusta Branch	516
Larnaca Branch	200
Paphos Branch	430
Kyrenia Branch	<u>293</u>
	3 264
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<u>Youth Section:</u>	3 150
<u>Life Members:</u>	20

E. SOCIETY'S PREMISES

8. The Offices of the Headquarters of the Society, as well as those of the Nicosia Branch, of the Kyrenia Branch and of the Youth Section are situated in Nicosia, the Limassol Branch Offices are situated in Limassol, the Offices of the Larnaca and Famagusta Branches in Larnaca and of the Paphos Branch in Paphos. The Offices in Limassol and Larnaca are accommodated in prefabricated buildings belonging to the Society, erected with funds provided by the U.N.H.C.R. on sites granted on long lease at a nominal rent by the Cyprus Government. On 24 March 2003, the prefabricated building of the Paphos Branch, which was also erected with funds provided by UNHCR, was burned down by fire. Eversince, the Paphos Branch is temporarily housed in an old building rented from the Government at a nominal rent.

9. As mentioned in previous Reports, the premises erected to house the Headquarters, the Nicosia Branch, the Kyrenia Branch and the

../Youth Section

Youth Section were completed at the end of 1989. They were occupied in March 1990 and have proved very functional, containing all the facilities necessary, with adequate stores and a large Multipurpose (Conference) Room.

10. As will be remembered, a prefabricated building had been erected in 1976 to house the Headquarters, the Nicosia Branch and the Youth Section, which had been rendered homeless when a Turkish mortar razed the Society's premises to the ground on the second day of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, in July 1974. The site for the prefabricated building was granted on long term lease at a nominal rent by the Cyprus Government. It was on this site that the premises mentioned in the previous paragraph were erected in 1989 under a UNHCR Project with funds donated by the U.S.A.. The grateful thanks of the Society to the donors and to all who contributed to the erection of the premises are reiterated.

PART II

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY IN 2006

A. INTRODUCTION

11. For the thirty second successive year after the 1974 events the activities of the Society during the year ended 31st December 2006, were carried out on the pattern of the previous years, namely, in addition to the ordinary activities, a great amount of work was still necessary in connection with the refugees, the enclaved and other victims of the aforesaid events. Therefore, internally, they again included the relief and improvement of conditions of the displaced and needy, the sick and the old, the infants and handicapped, those living in the Turkish occupied areas, those moved out of such areas, and assistance in the efforts to trace missing persons. The Society also continued its assistance to Turkish Cypriots living in the Government controlled area. Furthermore, externally, during 2006, the Society was very active in contributing to the relief of victims of conflicts and disasters in other countries.

12. In addition to the day-to-day activities, a great deal of work and attention were devoted to the operation of the Red Cross Home for Sick Children at Polemidhia near Limassol, which, following its displacement from Kyrenia, started functioning again in April 1980.

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13. The above activities will be described in more detail later in this Report. It is gratifying to report that the momentum and the standards of the previous years were maintained to the full by the members of the Society and other volunteers who continued, as in the past, to offer their services unstintingly and devotedly.

B. ACTIVITIES

ANNEX III 14. Particulars of the main activities of the Society relating to displaced and needy persons are given below. The Budget Breakdown attached as Annex III, shows the activities funded by UNOPS which succeeded UNHCR as from 01.04.1998.

I. SERVICES TO PERSONS IN THE TURKISH OCCUPIED AREA:

General

ANNEX IV 15. The number of Greek Cypriots in the Turkish occupied area on 01.01.2006 was 545. On 31.12.2006 it was only 532. A list showing the number of Greek Cypriots (including Maronites) in the Turkish occupied area as at 31.12.2006 is attached as Annex IV.

Supplementary Needs (other than clothing)

16. Basic food continued to be provided to Greek Cypriots in the Turkish occupied areas by the Service of the Government responsible for the supply of food to enclaved persons. The Society, on the other hand, also continued to send to elderly persons living in the Turkish occupied areas special food not supplied by the Cyprus Government, such as health and dietary items.

17. Special requests for particular items, such as books, collective games, footballs, school satchels etc., received from children in various villages in the Turkish occupied area were immediately satisfied.

Personal Parcels sent through UNFICYP:

18. The arrangement made with UNFICYP for the dispatch to persons in the Turkish occupied areas of parcels containing foodstuffs and other comforts continued. The parcels were packed by the Society in transparent polythene bags and dispatched weekly in the case of the Karpass area and fortnightly in the case of the Kyrenia area. 836 parcels containing foodstuffs, medicines and other articles were sent during the period under review.

../ **Medicines and Spectacles**

Medicines and Spectacles:

19. Special requests for medicines and spectacles continued to be received from persons in the Turkish occupied areas. Such requests were dealt with by the Society either by obtaining them from the Government Medical Services, if available, or by purchasing them. These items were sent to the persons who needed them through UNFICYP together with the personal parcels.

20. The number of persons to whom medicines or spectacles were supplied were:

Medicines	165
Spectacles and lenses	26

The value of the medicines and spectacles purchased was CYP 1.227 and CYP 250 respectively, amounting to a total of CYP 1.477.

21. Other special items such as Hearing Aids, Walking Frames, Oxygen and Orthopedic Belts were also purchased at a cost of CYP 468.

Christmas Parcels to children in the Turkish occupied areas:

22. Christmas parcels containing sweets and chocolates, biscuits and other small gifts were sent, as in previous years, to all children in the Turkish occupied areas.

II. SERVICES TO PERSONS MOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE THE TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS:

General

23. During the year under review no Greek Cypriots moved out of their homes in the Turkish occupied area to reside in the Government controlled area. The number of Greek Cypriots transferred temporarily from the Turkish occupied area was 173 as shown under a subsequent paragraph of this Report.

24. Persons transferred from their homes in the Turkish occupied area are always in urgent need of human comfort. Such comfort is provided by the Red Cross volunteers who receive them, tend to their immediate needs and arrange for their accommodation and transportation to their destination as mentioned below.

Transfer Procedure

25. All outcoming persons are transferred by UNFICYP to the Ledra Palace check point or to the Society's Reception Centre, at the Nicosia Branch premises. Such belongings as they are allowed to bring with them are either transferred from their villages in the Turkish occupied areas by U.N. lorries to the Society's Reception Centre or by Turkish lorries to the Ledra Palace Hotel Compound. In both instances the belongings are transferred directly to lorries of the Society with the assistance of helpers employed by the Society.

Services on Reception

26. At the Society's Centre, the volunteers provide to all persons transferred, a meal, clothing and a small monetary allowance to those who would not be returning to their homes in the Turkish occupied area. The hospitalization or admission to suitable institutions of those needing medical or other special treatment is ensured, those who have relatives are reunited with such relatives, and accommodation in other places is arranged for those who have nowhere to go. All are transported with their belongings to wherever they are due to stay, often as far as Paphos. The elderly and young are escorted to their destination by Red Cross volunteers.

27. All outer clothing and underwear for the enclaved and the needy are provided from clothing purchased by the Society.

28. Medicines are provided by the Government Medical Services except for certain small items, which are not available in their stores and spectacles which are not supplied by the said Services.

Temporary Transfers from Turkish occupied areas:

29. The number of persons transported during the period under review was 173, some of them several times. All persons transferred were provided with a sandwich and a soft drink, tea or coffee.

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83 persons were transported once		83 transportations
46	“ “ “ twice	92
13	“ “ “ three times	39
10	“ “ “ four times	40
7	“ “ “ five times	35
5	“ “ “ six times	30
2	“ “ “ seven times	14
1	“ “ “ eight times	8
1	“ “ “ nine times	9
1	“ “ “ eleven times	11
1	“ “ “ thirteen times	13
1	“ “ “ sixteen times	16
1	“ “ “ twenty times	20
1	“ “ “ twenty six times	26
<u>173</u>		<u>436 transportations</u>
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III. SERVICES TO DISPLACED PERSONS:

(1) Clothing

30. The Society continued to provide certain items of clothing. The main categories are shown below:

Supplementary clothing for old displaced and needy persons:

31. During the period under review there were about 3.000 elderly displaced persons living either in Homes set up for the purpose or elsewhere, who were supplied with clothing from the stores of the various Branches.

Supplementary clothing for sick and handicapped displaced and needy persons and other ad hoc special cases:

32. Some items of clothing, not forthcoming from donations, were purchased by the Society in order to meet ad hoc cases of sick and handicapped persons or of children needing special warm clothing, and of cases of special kinds of dress such as black dresses for women in mourning.

../ (2) Special needs

(2) **Special needs for sick and handicapped displaced and needy persons, other than clothing**

33. The Society provided to sick and handicapped displaced and needy persons orthopedic shoes and belts, appliances, spectacles and hearing aids and small quantities of medicines not supplied by the Government Medical Services. Wheelchairs for adults and children were also purchased and given on loan to many invalid or handicapped persons to whom other aids were also provided from the Society's stores.

(3) **Schoolchildren whose parents live in the Turkish occupied area:**

34. As no secondary schools were allowed until September 2004 to operate in the Turkish occupied areas for Greek Cypriots living there, schoolchildren were obliged to come to the Government controlled areas when they reached secondary school age. These children, who resided in accommodation arranged for them by the Welfare Services, were visited by the Red Cross volunteers who provided any specific needs. As from September 2004 a secondary school started operating at Rizokarpasso and only a limited number of children continued their studies in secondary schools in the Government controlled areas.

(4) **Christmas Parcels to displaced children:**

35. Christmas parcels containing toys, sweets and other small items were distributed to displaced children.

(5) **Apostolos Andreas Monastery**

36. During the year 2006 there were many private visits of Greek Cypriots to Apostolos Andreas Monastery, due to the new arrangements since April 2003.

IV. **HELP TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS:**

37. Turkish Cypriots living in the Government controlled area enjoy exactly the same freedom of movement, freedom of work, social benefits etc., as all citizens of the Republic. They were, however, visited regularly by Red Cross volunteers of all Branches, who gave them any necessary help, in clothing, medicines, communication with relatives and general welfare.

../ V. **MISSING PERSONS**

V. MISSING PERSONS:

38. There continue to be over one thousand Greek Cypriots still missing and unaccounted for. The question of missing persons continued to be in the foreground of humanitarian issues and great efforts were made at all levels and in various forums to find an effective procedure for the tracing and accounting of missing persons in order to alleviate the great suffering of their families who have been living in a state of uncertainty as to the fate of their loved ones for so long. A Committee on Missing Persons was set up several years ago following a United Nations Resolution in this respect but unhappily, the matter remained outstanding and the misery and hardship continued for many years. At the end of 2006 progress was made following an agreement with regard to the procedures for the tracing and accounting of missing persons.

39. The Cyprus Red Cross Society co-operated with the I.C.R.C., the Committee on Missing Persons and all others concerned in the effort of tracing missing persons and answered all requests for data and other information contained in Red Cross records.

VI. MESSAGE DEPARTMENT AND ATTESTATIONS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Message Department

40. The Message Department originally set up by the I.C.R.C. Tracing Agency and taken over by the Society in August 1975, continued to operate until the middle of October 1979, when the Turkish authorities informed the Cyprus Red Cross Society, through UNFICYP, that as from that date, they would no longer accept Red Cross Messages to or from Greek Cypriots in the Turkish occupied area. In spite of all efforts made through the I.C.R.C. and UNFICYP, it has not been possible to restore this service to the Greek Cypriot enclaved persons.

Attestations for Prisoners of War

41. On the basis of the Lists prepared when the release of Prisoners of War took place in September-October 1974, attestations are given by the Society, certifying the data relating to released Prisoners of War. If more information is required in any particular case, the I.C.R.C. Tracing Agency in

../Geneva

Geneva is requested to provide it from its records which were transferred to Geneva when the I.C.R.C. Tracing Agency in Nicosia closed down.

VII. RED CROSS HOME FOR SICK CHILDREN

42. The Red Cross Home for Sick Children is the main peace-time activity of the Society. The Home was first established in Kyrenia in 1957 to provide special professional care for children suffering from physical disabilities.

43. Since its establishment the Red Cross Home for Sick Children had been intercommunal, both the children and the staff emanating from all communities. Unfortunately, after July 1974, the number of Greek Cypriot children and staff at the Home dwindled, as the Greek Cypriot population was displaced from the Turkish occupied area. In view of the humanitarian purpose served by the Home in Kyrenia and in spite of the extreme difficulties and heavy burden, the Cyprus Red Cross Society continued to operate the Home in Kyrenia until the end of 1976, when no children remained at the Home, whose operation in any case became impossible.

44. The many children needing the care of the Home were thus deprived of it. The Society, therefore, set as its objective the re-establishment of the Home, and to this end, the Society secured, on long lease at a nominal rent, a suitable piece of Government land at Polemidhia. The necessary funds to meet the cost of erecting and equipping the Home were donated by the U.S.A. through the U.N.H.C.R.. During the ensuing years, the UNHCR, and as from 1.4.1998 UNOPS, continued to provide funds donated by the U.S.A. for certain supplementary needs of the Home, such as the procurement of additional physiotherapy and occupational therapy equipment, extension of the physiotherapy unit and improvements and repairs to the building. Warm thanks and wholehearted gratitude and appreciation are expressed for this continued most valuable assistance.

45. The building, which was completed at the end of 1979, consists of four complexes of bedrooms for the children, with bathrooms, a sick children's bay, suitably equipped rooms for medical examination, physiotherapy and recreation, classrooms, offices, dining room, kitchen, storing and other auxiliary spaces, laundry and a house for the

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accommodation of the nurses. There used to be an outdoor hydrotherapy swimming pool. The building is centrally heated. Since, as stated below, the Home is no longer residential, the bedroom complex has been put to other uses, mainly to provide extra space needed for therapy.

46. During 1981 an indoor hydrotherapy pool was constructed and equipped as a donation from Mr. Stelios and Mrs. Elli Ioannou. This further generous contribution is in addition to the donation of CYP11.000 made by Mr. and Mrs. Ioannou in 1980. This hydrotherapy pool filled a great need and is most beneficial for the treatment of the children. Warm thanks are expressed to the donors.

47. The Home started functioning in April of 1980 and was formally inaugurated by H.E. the then President of the Republic Mr. Spyros Kyprianou on World Red Cross Day, the 8th of May, 1981.

48. The Home operates under the general supervision of the Home Management Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Director of the Society.

49. The children admitted to the Home suffer from severe physical handicaps, mainly various forms of paralysis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and other similar disabilities, a number of them being tetraplegic. In fact, children suffering from any kind of physical handicap or disability needing special care can be admitted to the Home. At the end of 2006 the number of children receiving treatment at the Home was 70.

50. The children receive the appropriate medical, nursing, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy treatment and are fitted with the necessary appliances to enable them to make the best use of their limbs and to overcome their incapacity as far as possible.

51. The children are looked after by carefully selected and truly devoted and dedicated personnel, headed by a specially trained matron, Mrs. Katerina Christodoulou. The doctor in charge of the Home is Specialist Paediatrician Dr. Minas Hadjiminias, who has been offering his voluntary services since the establishment of the Home in 1957. Through the suggestion of Dr. M. Hadjiminias, Dr. M. Psiloinis took up duties at the

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Home as from January 2006 (12 January). Dr. Roumiana Koukkoulli, a Child Neurologist, stopped her regular visits after the Botulinum Toxin Clinic and Injections done on 8 November 2005, in co-operation with Prof Bipin Bhakta. Dr. Socrates Rousounis had a severe Brain Haemorrhage in September 2005 and became bedridden (spastic quadriplegia) and has not, since then visited the Home. Other doctors, both from Cyprus and abroad, visit the Home giving children special medical treatment, such as orthopedic, as required. There exists also very good co-operation between the doctors of the Home and the Doctors serving in the Government Hospitals.

52. Dr. Goula Stylianidou of the Makarios Hospital, Nicosia, visited the Home for three clinics: 7 September, 26 October and 23 November 2006.

53. Children of school age receiving treatment at the Home also receive proper schooling at a recognized special elementary school operating at the Home, under the Ministry of Education. During the school year 2006/2007 in September 2006 the number of children enrolled was 27 out of which 3 were not coming to school.

54. Suitable recreation is provided for all the children and a home atmosphere is created for them. Generally, the children are helped and trained to look after themselves, to gain self-confidence and become as independent as their incapacity allows. The maximum age at which children were treated at the Home was the age of 14, though under a relative decision of the Executive Committee, children suffering from severe handicaps which needed continued special treatment could exceptionally be kept at the Home for as long as necessary. However, by decision of the Council on 12 December 1995, the maximum age at which children may be treated at the Home has been increased to 18. The results of the treatment given at the Home are very moving. Most of the children admitted to the Home are on wheelchairs. After the care given to them at the Home, some of the children are able to move about without a wheelchair, while the others are helped to become as mobile as possible.

55. As noted in the Report for 1991, there has been a marked change both in the type of disability from which the children are suffering and in the general attitude of society towards disabled children. Whereas in the past the children admitted to the Home were suffering from simple forms of paralysis, such as poliomyelitis, now the children are suffering from much

../ more severe

more severe disabilities, a number of them being tetraplegic. A number of children are only physically handicapped with normal intelligence, some give the impression that they are mentally handicapped because they can not express themselves and some children are both physically and mentally handicapped. It is for this reason that the treatment given at the Home has been gradually supplemented by the provision, in addition to physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

56. Another change that has occurred is the desire of families to keep the children at home, rather than placing them in an Institution. This is in keeping with the modern trend against institutionalisation and is very welcome. It has meant that the number of children residing at the Red Cross Home gradually decreased to nil. Parallel to this, the number of children who, though handicapped, are able to attend normal schools but who need physiotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy has grown. Arrangements have been made for these children to receive such therapy at the Home outside school hours.

57. In view of the fact that there were only two children resident at the Home towards the end of 1993, the Executive Committee decided at its meeting on 21 September 1993 that the boarding facilities of the Home should be closed down, as soon as possible. This was done at the end of 1994, appropriate arrangements having been made, at the Society's expense, for the adequate care of the one remaining resident child.

58. A decision was also taken at the Executive Committee meeting on 21 September 1993, that personnel no longer required, both as a result of the closing down of the boarding facilities and of the introduction of the five-day week working schedule, should be made redundant under the law. During 1995 three assistants to the nurses and one occupational therapist were made redundant. There have been no redundancies since.

59. Because of the seriousness of the disabilities from which the children now suffer, it was thought desirable to consider how those children who would not be able to attend the ordinary secondary schools should be prepared to face adult life, by the provision to them of special education and skills as early as possible. The recommendations of the Committee which had been formed in August 1991, to consider these matters, under

../ the chairmanship

the chairmanship of the Inspector General of Technical Education of the Ministry of Education, and with the participation of the Doctor and Matron of the Home, were duly implemented. Discussion and co-operation with the Ministry of Education took place during the year on all matters regarding the children's education, and all levels, including meetings of the President and Director of the Society with the Minister of Education. The Ministry of Education expressed its appreciation for the Report made by the President of the Society to the Minister at the end of 1995 regarding the special schooling of handicapped children following the President's visit to the West Oaks School in England. The operation of special schools and special nurseries is of course the responsibility of the Ministry of Education under the law.

60. In view of the rather fundamental change of circumstances described above, the Executive Committee considered that a more in depth study, should be made about the future of the Home. At its meeting on 16 March 1993, therefore, the Executive Committee appointed a Committee with wide participation to make recommendations on the future of the Red Cross Home. The Committee's preliminary suggestions have been implemented.

61. From 1995 onwards, Dr. Socrates Roussounis, mentioned above, has taken a very active interest in the Home and made extremely useful and practical recommendations about its future. Several meetings were held with Dr. Roussounis in 1996, attended by all concerned, at which his suggestions were discussed in detail with a view to implementation. Briefly, these recommendations concern the enhancement of the role of the Home, by widening the clinical services provided and generally operating the Home as a Child Development Centre, equipped to act as a district resource and information centre for disabled children. Dr. Roussounis' recommendations have been followed up and are being applied. Dr. Roussounis decided that he would dedicate more of his time for the Red Cross Home since he retired. In June, Dr. Roussounis, Dr. Roumiana Koukkoullis, the Director Mr. Filaniotis and the Matron of the Home Mrs. Christodoulou had a meeting with the President of the Red Cross Society at the Presidential Palace to discuss about the future of Botulinum Toxin Treatment, the Doctors and the visits. In August 2005 the matron met with Dr. Roussounis to prepare and finish his report. In September, whilst on holiday

../in France,

in France, he had a brain hemorrhage with the result to have become invalid and bedridden (Spastic Quadriplegia). Since November 2005 Dr. Roussounis was transferred to Cyprus, he spent some time at The Melathron and then Mrs. Roussounis decided to care at him at their house in Pyrgos in Limassol.

62. The running expenses of the Home (excluding the cost of maintenance of the building which amounted to CYP 9.500) amounted in 2006 to CYP 329.607, as compared to CYP 270.158 in 2005. These expenses are constantly increasing due both to the rise in the cost of living and also to the provision of improved facilities for the treatment and care of the children. With the exception of the contribution from the Cyprus Government which in 2005 was CYP 100.000,00 and the free supply of medicines, the remaining sum must be raised from voluntary contributions and from functions organized by the Branches and the Youth Section of the Cyprus Red Cross Society. It is on the unstinting efforts, the intensive activity of the Chairmen and members of the Committees of the Branches and of the Youth Section Central Committee and of the Youth District Committees in the various towns, their devotion and voluntary work, that the continued operation of the Home depends.

63. The burden of meeting the costs of running the Home has become so heavy that the Society must find ways to supplement its resources if it is to continue to operate the Home. One of the suggestions made by Fund-raising Committees appointed from time to time to consider the matter was that the parents whose children receive treatment at the Home should be asked to contribute to a small extent, if they can afford it, towards the costs of the Home. To this end the Council of the Society at its meeting on 10th December 1990, appointed an ad hoc Special Committee under the Chairmanship of the Treasurer, Mr. D. Christofides, to consider the possibility of introducing a scheme of contributions by the parents who benefit from the services of the Home. It was considered that, in view of the fact that the parents of handicapped children now receive from the Government a not insubstantial monthly allowance, a small contribution by the parents to the Home would not create hardship. On the recommendation of the Special Committee, a scheme of contributions by the parents was introduced as from 1st September 1991, and is in operation, but it is regrettably reported that not all of the parents are willing to contribute, even though the contributions requested are very small.

../In September 2005

In September 2005 the Committee of the Red Cross Home for Sick Children decided to up grade the sums of the contributions of the parents as follows:

For up to 2 times a week £20,00 a month

For up to 3-4 times a week £30,00 a month

And last 4 and more times a week £40,00 a month

64. In view of the acute financial situation of the Home, the Home Management Committee, at its meeting on 12th April 2002, examined the matter and made certain suggestions. These suggestions as well as the matter in general, were examined in detail by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 27th June 2002, which took appropriate decisions on all issues, in an effort to meet the situation. The decisions taken have been implemented. However, the finances of the Home remain a problem requiring further in-depth study. In this respect, the Council at its meeting on 24 September 2003 decided to set up a special Committee, which should study the financial problems of the Home and recommend solutions for a steady yearly income if possible.

65. Full particulars of the operation of the Home appear in the Annual Report on the Home submitted to the Council.

66. The new wing of the school inaugurated by the President of the Republic, Mr. George Vassiliou, on the 22nd June 1990, being a donation in memory of Youli Phylactou by her husband Christie and daughter Maria, continues to prove very useful indeed, making the teaching of the children in the pleasant new schoolrooms more agreeable and effective. Warm thanks are expressed to the donors.

67. During the year under review, the Home was visited by various persons, other than doctors, interested in handicapped children and by representatives of similar Institutions abroad. All visitors warmly praised the excellence of the treatment given at the Home as well as the facilities and equipment.

68. The President of Cyprus Red Cross Society together, with the singer Anna Vissi who performed at a Philanthropic Function of the Cyprus Red Cross Society, visited the Home during the year under review.

VIII. GENERAL HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

69. In addition to the care of the victims of the 1974 tragedy, described above, the Society, through its volunteers in the various Branches and Youth Section, carries out a variety of humanitarian functions, namely, hospital visiting and home visiting and care of elderly persons, children in need of special care, the sick and the handicapped, the lonely. It supplies to them medicines, food, clothing, appliances and other necessities and arranges outings, excursions and entertainment for them. Above all, the volunteers provide human contact and comfort.

IX. BLOOD DONORS SCHEME

70. The Society in general continued to operate its Blood Donors Scheme through the Branches and Youth Section. The increase shown, in previous years, in the activities of the Red Cross in this field continued to be intensified during the year under review. All Branches were fully operative and rendered excellent service in providing volunteer donors. The participation of the Youth Section in this activity, in all districts, was noteworthy. Particulars of the activities of each Branch and of the Youth Section appear in their respective Reports, submitted to the Council.

71. It should be noted that, in view of the very high incidence of thalassaemia in Cyprus, blood donation is of paramount importance. It is gratifying to record that the donors recruited through the Red Cross covered a very substantial percentage of the needs of those suffering from thalassaemia.

X. 8TH MAY, WORLD RED CROSS DAY

72. The day was celebrated throughout Cyprus between 6th and 19th May 2006 by the showing of suitable films, interviews and discussion over television and radio and at gatherings in towns. Some special functions were also organized during this period by the various Branches and the Youth Section, such as Blood Donation Sessions and putting up of Red Cross flags and posters in various parts of the towns.

XI. DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION

73. The fund-raising function to mark World Red Cross Day, adopted first in 1991 by the Limassol Branch, namely a "Door to Door Collection", and adopted by all Branches and the Youth Section in 1992, was carried out with great success in 2006. Naturally, all functions placed emphasis on the 55 years of life and activity of the Cyprus Red Cross.

XII. AID TO VICTIMS OF DISASTERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

74. During the period under review the Society made monetary contributions to aid victims of Acts of God and man-made disasters in other countries, sometimes launching appeals to the public for donations. The following contributions were sent through the I.C.R.C. or the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, for the following:

	CYP
(a) For the Ethiopia Children	700,00
(b) For the victims of the landslides in Philippines	3.745,00
(c) For the victims of Indonesia	4.000,00
(d) For the African children victims of famine	<u>200,00</u>
	8.645,00
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XIII. GENERAL DISASTERS RELIEF EMERGENCY SCHEME AND APPLICATION IN CYPRUS

75. As mentioned in the Report for 1991, the occasion of the preparation of the Emergency Scheme for the Persian Gulf in 1990/1991 was taken to adopt a General Disaster Relief Emergency Scheme, which remains operative, ready for use in any emergency. Apart from the effective application of the Scheme in February 1995 when a strong earthquake occurred in the Paphos area causing casualties and extensive damage (see Report of 1995), the Scheme was tested as to preparedness on 9 October 1996 when another strong earthquake (6.4 on the Richter Scale) hit Cyprus but fortunately without casualties or severe damage.

76. At the Council meeting held on 29th June 2004, the President of the CRCS Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou stressed the necessity to review and revise the existing, since 1991, Disaster Relief Emergency Scheme in order to reflect our present needs. In this respect the Council established a Committee with the mandate to prepare a comprehensive plan of action.

77. The Committee worked on this scheme and presented a revised plan which was distributed to all Branches and the Youth Section.

78. The Plan included the following:

../ a. The structure

- a. The structure of the CRCS
- b. A plan (structure – flowchart) which shows the way each Branch can organise its volunteers to be prepared to take action in case of emergency and their leaders.

The plan suggested the following parts:

- (i) Warehouse
 - (ii) Transportation of both volunteers and material
 - (iii) Humanitarian aid
 - (iv) Connection with other services
 - (v) Other details (blood donations, ambulance services etc.)
- c. List of all who will be involved in the plan, members of the local council volunteers.
 - d. List of goods which may be kept in the stores (if any) of each Branch (water, liquids, food supplies, clothing, temporary camps etc).
 - e. Suggestion to set up a central warehouse for immediate use by the Central Committee at the Headquarters of CRCS.
 - f. Organise first aid lessons and encourage all volunteers to attend them.
 - g. Make a programme for regular meeting of those responsible to implement the emergency plan program.

79. The revised program had the opportunity to be tested during the Lebanon crisis in Summer 2006 when CRCS was asked to take part in a large scale operation to help people leaving Lebanon for their countries.

80. On 18th of July 2006 the CRCS was officially asked by the government of Cyprus to participate with other governmental organisations to be involved in the operation to receive, hospitalize and help thousands of evacuees from Lebanon.

81. Our volunteers were day and night on a 24 hour basis at service at the ports of Larnaca and Limassol and at the airports of Larnaca and Paphos. They also helped the Cyprus Civil Defence at the camps of Vergina at Larnaca and other places. The number of our volunteers who were involved for the whole operation was 840.

82. Over 35 companies and many individuals offered their products free to us in order to give them to those in need. The CRCS thanks them all most warmly.

../ Our involvement

83. Our involvement was greatly appreciated by all concerned e.g. embassies of the countries concerned the ICRC and the IFRCRCS.

84. The Government of Cyprus recognising our contribution and our capability to offer substantial help in cases of emergency, includes CRCS in its plans for emergency schemes.

XIV. DISSEMINATION OF RED CROSS PRINCIPLES AND PROTECTION OF THE RED CROSS EMBLEM:

(A) General

85. The Society pursued this field by the preparation and circulation of suitable publicity material, the giving of lectures, talks, the display of posters, the showing of films, television and radio appearances, and the organisation of special functions and seminars. Particular attention was paid to dissemination amongst children and young persons through the Youth Section, the schools and other educational institutions.

86. It should here be mentioned that the work and activities of the Cyprus Red Cross Society, particularly over the past years since the invasion of 1974, including such activities as caring of wounded in armed conflicts, treatment and release of prisoners of war and civilian detainees, care of refugees and activities connected with missing persons have in themselves provided an important and living form of dissemination of the aims and principles of the Red Cross and of the implementation of the Geneva Conventions and Protocols, which were translated into active practical application.

87. The improper and illegal use of the Red Cross emblem by doctors, dentists, pharmacists etc. which had existed in Cyprus for many years, ceased from about 1984 through efforts made by the Society, the assistance of the Law enforcement authorities and the understanding of all concerned.

(B) Publications

88. (1) It was confirmed by the Ministry of Defence that the copies of the booklet issued by the Society entitled "Soldier's Manual", given to the Ministry of Defence for distribution to every soldier joining the armed Forces, is indeed being distributed to the soldiers.

../ (2) The Booklet

(2) The Booklet "The Red Cross and my Country" published by the International Committee of the Red Cross, suitably adapted to fit local conditions, translated into Greek and published in 1986, explaining in simple language the formation and the activities of the Red Cross, continued to be approved by the Ministry of Education –

(a) as an approved book for students of the 3rd and 4th form of primary schools;

(b) as an approved book for school libraries.

89. The Society expressed its thanks to the Educational Technology Service of the Ministry of Education for adapting the booklet, for providing photographs and for looking after technical matters connected with the printing of the booklet. This booklet is distributed free of charge to students of the 3rd and 4th forms of elementary schools.

(3) The up-to-date publication entitled "The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the Cyprus Red Cross Society" with a special section on the Youth Section issued in 1999, provided comprehensive and useful information.

(4) The following special publications issued in 2000 on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Cyprus Red Cross, continued to be used extensively and effectively.

(a) A comprehensive publication (Λεύκωμα) in Greek and English entitled "Cyprus Red Cross Society – 50 Years of Service";

(b) A Pentptych entitled "Cyprus Red Cross Society – 50 Years of continuous Service" in Greek, and the same in English;

(c) A Triptych in Greek and English entitled "Red Cross Home for Sick Children".

(d) Special publications issued by each Branch on its own particular activities.

../ (5) A publication

(5) A publication "Avian Influenza" prepared by the Society had a very wide circulation all over Cyprus during 2006.

XV. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES:

90. Fund-raising is carried out by the Branches of the Society and the Youth Section. Particulars of fund-raising functions organized by the Branches and the Youth Section during 2006 are set out in their respective Reports. A number of fund-raising activities centred around World Red Cross Day as mentioned in paragraph 77.

91. In 2006, two types of Christmas Cards were issued by the Society. One of the Cards was the reproduction of an icon, the second was a water colour especially painted for the Red Cross by Mrs. Marvel Christophides. These cards were distributed to the Branches and the Youth Section for sale at the price of 20 cents each. The net proceeds, which amounted to CYP 7.476,35, were applied in aid of the Red Cross Home for Sick Children.

92. Special gratitude and thanks are expressed to Mrs. Christophides. This was the eighteenth year that she has painted a Card for the Red Cross. These Cards have now become known throughout the world and are expected with joy by the recipients. The Card constitutes only one of Mrs. Christophides' many generous contributions to the Society.

XVI. CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2006

(A) HEADQUARTERS, BRANCHES AND YOUTH SECTION

93. As mentioned below, the funds contributed towards the administration expenses of the Society were reduced following the withdrawal of UNHCR on 31 March 1998 and its replacement by UNOPS. This made it necessary for a reappraisal by the Branches of their staff needs. As a result, a decision was taken on 22nd May 1998 by the Executive Committee that personnel no longer required by the Branches should be made redundant under the law. This decision was implemented before the end of 1998. Subsequently the Branches filled their actual needs in personnel, as required.

94. The Branches, through which most of the activities enumerated in this Report were carried out, and the Youth Section, which participated actively in such activities, have drawn up their Reports which are presented to the Council separately.

../ **(B) CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC.**

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Exploring Humanitarian Law and EU Education Strategies

95. Mr. Angelos Chrysostomou, school Advisor for the Ministry of Education and Culture on the Development of Programmes Related to Humanitarian Law, participated in the European National Societies meeting on Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) and the European Union Education Strategies, held in Vienna, Austria, on the 9th and 10th May 2006.

“Thoughts for the Future” A 2Day Seminar

96. The old idea of holding biannual conferences for the staff as well as for the volunteers of the Cyprus Red Cross Society was brought to the foreground at the beginning of the year when the Executive Committee decided to organise such a seminar before the end of 2006.

97. After consultation with officers of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva and with the personal assistance of Mr. Tore Svenning, Representative of the I.F.R.C.R.C.S. in Cyprus and the Middle East, the Seminar was organised at Penteli Hotel, at Platres, on 11-12 November 2006 under the general theme “Thoughts for the Future”.

98. The running of the Seminar was the responsibility of the newly appointed Director Mr. Takis Neophytou who, together with the President, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, Vice President, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, Mrs. Anja Toivola, Head of the Section for Europe of the I.F.R.C.R.C.S., Mr. Tore Svenning, Representative of I.F.R.C.R.C.S. for Cyprus and the Middle East, Mr. Petros Petrou, Coordinator of the Emergency Plan of the Cyprus Red Cross Society, Mrs. Anastasia Anthousi, President, Kyrenia Youth Section of the Cyprus Red Cross Society and Mrs. Androulla Gregoriou of the same Youth Section of the Cyprus Red Cross Society helped to make a most successful and fruitful seminar.

(C) PROJECTS FOR FINANCING THROUGH UNDP.

99. The proposals of the Society for new projects, covering the period 01.10.2006 – 31.12.2006 were prepared on the same lines as in previous years and were submitted to UNDP, the Organization which succeeded UNOPS as from 1 September 2006.

100. The Honorary President of the Society, as authorized by the President of the Republic, negotiated and signed all relative Memoranda of Agreement with UNOPS governing such projects.

PART III
AUDITING OF SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTS

101. All projects financed from UNOPS funds were audited by the Auditor-General of the Republic. The Headquarters Accounts, generally, were audited by Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants. The Accounts of each Branch and the Youth Section were also audited by qualified auditors duly appointed for the purpose. The Society's warm appreciation and thanks are expressed to all Auditors for their valuable services.

PART IV
CO-OPERATION WITH AND ASSISTANCE
FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

General

102. It would have been extremely difficult for the Society to provide the quality of relief to the various categories of sufferers enumerated in this Report were it not for the generous assistance given through the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and UNOPS, to which the sole contributing country in the past several years is the U.S.A.. The substantial extent of such assistance is clearly shown in the Annual Accounts presented to the Council.

103. Contributions and donations were received during the year from Organizations and individuals both in Cyprus and overseas. The extent of such assistance is also shown in the Annual Accounts presented to the Council.

I.C.R.C. and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

104. The Society continued to co-operate closely, harmoniously and fruitfully with the I.C.R.C. and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, generally, and in particular with regard to the victims of conflicts and acts of God in other countries.

U.N.H.C.R.

105. Although the U.N.H.C.R. Aid Programme was finally terminated on 31 March 1998 and UNHCR was replaced by UNOPS as from 1 April 1998, the U.N.H.C.R. continued to maintain an Office in Nicosia for the processing of refugees passing through Cyprus. By agreement between UNHCR and the Cyprus Red Cross Society dated 01.01.1998 and subsequently renewed, the Cyprus Red Cross Society continued to co-operate with U.N.H.C.R. in this field of activity. In 2004 U.N.H.C.R. moved their office to new premises provided by the Government.

106. The Society

106. The Society is most grateful to the UNHCR and the donor Government of the U.S.A. contributing through it, for the valuable assistance to those in need. The wholehearted thanks and appreciation of the Society are expressed for this. The co-operation of the Society and the relations between the Society and all UNHCR Chiefs of Mission had always been excellent and the Society once more expresses to them all its warmest thanks.

UNOPS

107. As from 1 April 1998, UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services) replaced UNHCR in the operation of the Humanitarian Aid Programme. By Authorisation given by the President of the Republic on 1 April 1998, and renewed in 2003 and 2004, the President of the Society and as from January 2004 the Honorary President of the Society was authorised on his behalf to conclude and to sign with UNOPS agreements relating to the Bicomunal Development Programme in Cyprus which is an evolution from the U.N.H.C.R. Relief Programme hitherto operating in Cyprus.

108. As soon as UNOPS took over, it informed the Society that the funds contributed to the Society annually would be reduced by 24.5%. As a result of this, the Society's Budget had to be adjusted, economies being effected accordingly. As already mentioned above, such economies included redundancies of staff. As for the year under review the funds were reduced as compared to 2004 and the programme was terminated on 30 September 2005.

109. As the methods of operation of UNOPS are different from those of UNHCR, a number of policy decisions had to be taken, in consultation with the appropriate Government Authorities, particularly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to overcome the various obstacles. Thanks to the understanding of all concerned and the helpful co-operation of the Programme Manager of UNOPS, Mr. Andrew Russell, all difficulties were surmounted and the procedures operated smoothly. Appreciation and thanks are expressed to Mr. Russell for his continued co-operation and help.

UNDP

110. As from September 2006, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) replaced UNOPS.

UNFICYP

111. Warm thanks and appreciation are due to the officers and men of UNFICYP who actively assisted in many ways, especially for the transport of food and comforts to persons in the Turkish occupied areas, thus contributing substantially to the relief of suffering. Their help to those transferred from the Turkish occupied areas was particularly valuable and earned the gratitude of all concerned.

OTHER OVERSEAS ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS

112. The Society expresses its gratitude for co-operation or help received from overseas organizations and individuals during the course of the year under review.

PART V **PROHIBITION OF SMOKING**

113. At the International Red Cross Conference, held in Geneva in October 1986, a Resolution was adopted urging that smoking should not be permitted in the meetings of the International Conference, General Assembly, Executive, Council, all Committees and other Subsidiary Bodies of the International Red Cross and meetings of, or sponsored by, National Societies of the Red Cross. By a decision of the Executive Committee of the Society this was adopted to apply to all meetings of all Organs, i.e. General Assembly, Council, Executive Committee, Branch Committees, Youth Section Committees and all other Committees and Sub-Committees of the Cyprus Red Cross Society.

PART VI **CONCLUSION AND THANKS**

114. In conclusion, we should like to record the gratitude of the Society to all those in Cyprus who have so selflessly rendered their services to their fellow human beings. We should like to express our deep appreciation to the Presidents and members of the Committees of the Branches, the President and members of the Central Committee and the Presidents and members of the District Committees of the Youth Section, all of whom gave devotedly, generously and willingly, working every day, including holidays. The Presidents of the Branches and of the Central and District Committees of the Youth Section excelled themselves, showing a wonderful Red Cross spirit,

initiative and

initiative and fortitude; they were a source of great inspiration to their Committees and members.

121. The officers of the Society, generally, continued to devote willingly and wholeheartedly a great deal of their time for the promotion of the activities and objectives of the Society, and to advise and assist the Branches and other Units.

116. Mr. Stelios G. Sycallides ex Director (1991 – 2002) kindly accepted on appeal made to him by the Council to act as Director for a period of two months, until a new Director could be appointed due to the registration of Mr. Kleanthis Philaniotis from the post. Mr. Stelios G. Sycallides carried his duties up until 31.10.2006 when a new Director, Mr. Takis Neophytou was appointed.

117. The Secretary, Mrs. Alexia Shipilli resigned at the end of April 2006.

121. The Specialist Paediatrician in charge of the Red Cross Home, Dr. Minas Hadjiminias, continued to render his most valuable services to the Home on a voluntary basis, unstintingly and with enthusiasm up until 31/12/2005, when Dr. M. Psiloinis was appointed and has been offering his services quite as unstintingly and with enthusiasm as his predecessor did. Appreciation is also expressed to Dr. Roumiana Koukkoulli, Child Neurologist, for her valuable and devoted services to the children at the Home until end November 2005. The Matron of the Home, Mrs. Katerina Christodoulou, worked very conscientiously and with zeal. The Assistant Matron, Mrs. Constantina Savoulla, the therapeutic and other staff of the Home also worked with efficiency and devotion. The Headmaster of the Special School, Mr. Antonis Papasymeou, retired end June 2006 and Mrs. Despo Violari replaced him as from September 2006. The staff of the School operating at the Home continued to offer essential services to the children. All contributed to keeping the standard of care and training of the children at a high level.

119. To all of them we express our heartfelt gratitude, appreciation and thanks.

120. Special appreciation and thanks are expressed to the Deputy President, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, whose continued support and active involvement, legal advice and readiness to shoulder responsibility, were a constant source of encouragement and a considerable relief.

121. Finally,

121. Finally, our gratitude, appreciation and thanks go to the members and other volunteers of the Branches and Youth Section alike, without whose assistance the magnitude of the task would have been beyond us.

(Fotini Papadopoulou)
President
Cyprus Red Cross Society.

Nicosia, December 2006.

**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Appointed under Rule 41(1)(a) and (b)

Mrs. Stella Soulioti,	Honorary President
Mr. Jules P. Josephides,	Honorary Vice President

Elected under Rule 11(1)(a)

Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou,	President,
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba,	Deputy President,
Mr. Stelios Sycallides,	Director,
Mr. Dinos Christofides,	Treasurer,
Mr. Kleanthis Philaniotis,	Nicosia,
Mr. Andreas Karageorghis,	"
Mr. Dinos Kittis,	"
Mr. Georghios Triantafyllides,	"
Mr. Bedros Shiammashian,	"
Mr. Nicos Lakoufis,	"
Mr. Nicos Severis	"
Mr. Andreas Artemis	"
Mrs. Ino Zachariades,	Limassol,
Mr. Nicos Gregoriou,	"
Mr. Andreas Mouskos,	Larnaca,
Mr. Andreas Poetis,	Famagusta,
Mr. Alecos Papageorghiou,	Paphos,
Mr. Yiannis Strongylos,	Kyrenia.

Under Rule 11 (1) (b)

Presidents of the Branches:-

Mrs. Joanna Loizidou,	President Nicosia Branch,
Mrs. Stathoula Sycopetritis,	President Limassol Branch,
Mrs. Sylvia Poetis,	President Famagusta Branch,
Mrs. Chrystalla Pantelides,	President Larnaca Branch,
Mrs. Dina Cacoyianni,	President Paphos Branch,
Mrs. Maroulla Angelidou,	President Kyrenia Branch.

Ex-Officio under Rule (11) (1)(c)

Director of Social Welfare Services,
 Director of the Department of Medical Services,
 Senior Nursing Officers, Miss J. Shellish, and the Officer in charge of the
 Government Nursing Services,
 Nursing Superintendent, Miss T. Aziz,
 Mrs. Despo Frederikou, Chairman Youth Section) Appointed by the
 Central Committee) General Assembly
 Mrs. Alike Papayianni, Publicity officer

Honoris Causa under Rule 11 (2)

Mrs. Ellie Steliou Ioannou,	Nicosia,
Mr. Chr. Mavroudis,	Nicosia,
Mrs. L. Savvidou,	Larnaca,
Mr. A. Zachariou,	Limassol,
Mrs. Elengo Rangou,	Nicosia,
Mrs. Emma Simonian,	"
Mrs. Thekla Koumeni	"
Mrs. Evangelia Gavrielidou,	Famagusta,
Mr. Prodromos Papavasiliou,	"
Mr. Christie Phylactou	Nicosia
Mrs. Katy Garani,	"
Mrs. Marvel Christofides	"
Dr. Minas Hadjiminias	"

(General Assembly 18.01.2006)

Secretary: Mrs. Alexia Shipilli – Resigned at the end of April 2006

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman and Vice – Chairman of Executive Committee:

Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, President, Chairman of the Executive Committee,) ex officio
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, Deputy President, Vice-Chairman of) members
Executive Committee) under

Members of Executive Committee:

Mr. Stelios G. Sycallides, Director,) rule 23 (1)
The Deputy Director, if any,) of the Rules
Mr. Dinos Christofides, Treasurer,) of the
The Presidents of the Branches,) Society.
The Chairman of the Youth Section Central Committee,
Miss J. Shellish, Nursing Superintendent,
Mrs. Aliko Papayianni, Publicity Officer,
The Deputy Publicity Officer, if any.

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dinos Christofides	Treasurer of the Society
Mr. Stelios Sycallides	Director of the Society
Mr. Dinos Kittis	Member of the Council (Nicosia)
Mr. Nicos Lakoufis	Member of the Council (Nicosia)
Mr. Bedros Shammashian	Member of the Council (Nicosia)
Mr. Nicos Severis	Member of the Council (Nicosia)
Mr. Andreas Artemis	Member of the Council (Nicosia)

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY
UNDP PROJECT No. 47408 – 06 - 002
PERIOD 01.10.2006 – 31.12.2006

Project: 47408 - 06 - 002 -Between the United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP) and Cyprus Red Cross Society (CRCS)

	<u>CYP</u>
A. Operational Support and Managent Services	
(i) Supporting <u>Staff</u> salaries of 7 persons	25.676,40
(ii) Administration Expenses	<u>4.878,45</u>
Total Operational Support and Managent Services	<u>30.554,85</u>
B. Community Services	
(i) CommunityServices	9.750,50
(ii) Vehicles Maintenance	
(a) Supporting Drivers' Salaries	14.801,11
(b) Cyprus Red Cross Society vehicles	<u>1.393,54</u>
	<u>16.194,65</u>
Total Community Services	<u>25.945,15</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>56.500,00</u>

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY

**List showing the number of Greek Cypriots
(including Maronites)
in the Turkish occupied area as at 31/12/2006**

KARPASS AREA

<u>Villages</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>	
Ayios Georgios Sakka	1	
Ayia Trias	103	
Rizokarpasso	271	
Cape Andreas	2	
Leonarisso	4	
Ayios Andronikos	2	
Ayios Thyrsos	<u>5</u>	388

KYRENIA AREA

Asomatos	5	
Karpasha	13	
Kormakitis	128	
Upper Kyrenia	<u>3</u>	<u>144</u>
		532
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GRAND TOTAL

Greek Cypriots:	389	
Maronites	<u>143</u>	532
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