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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies presents its compliments to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva, and has the honour to invite these establishments to the launch of the 2007 World Disasters Report, on 13 December 2007 at 11am at the International Federation's secretariat in Geneva (17, Chemin des Crêts, Petit Saconnex).

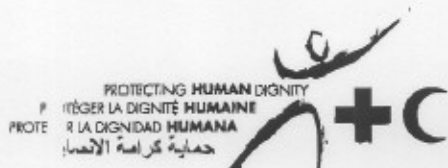
The focus of this year's *Report*, in its 14th year of publication, is **discrimination** in disasters. Building on the 2006 World Disasters Report coverage of neglected crises, the 2007 report further sharpens the focus to uncover how people are marginalized during humanitarian emergencies because of their race, gender, age, religion, nationality, class or physical condition.

The *Report* maps out the types of discrimination across different continents, capturing the voices of the discriminated and reporting on aid organizations, governments and communities, which have found constructive ways of tackling discrimination and embracing diversity in disaster response. The report provides balanced coverage of discrimination in relation to quick and slow onset natural disasters, chronic or ongoing humanitarian crises, and conflicts or violence.

The International Federation anticipates that many Permanent Missions and international organisations will wish to associate themselves with this important event, and would appreciate it if they could confirm their participation to Sue Pavan at sue.pavan@ifrc.org.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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