



## Revised IDRL strategic plan 2005–2007

### Objective 1: Compilation

Enlarge and improve the collection of the laws, rules and principles relevant to regulation, facilitation and coordination of international response to disasters

Expected result	Indicator	Activities	Completion date
Enlarged and improved collection of IDRL at the international, regional and national levels.	Additional documents are added to the IDRL database, which will include all major <b>international</b> and <b>regional</b> instruments.	<p>Continue collection of <b>international and regional IDRL</b> (e.g. relevant treaties, resolutions, declarations, arbitral decisions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request assistance from foreign ministries and regional organizations in obtaining additional international law, with collaboration of national societies</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing: web-based database to be available by December 2005</p> <p>September 2005</p>
	IDRL database incorporates <b>national</b> IDRL instruments	<p>Collect <b>national IDRL</b> (e.g. relevant portions of statutes, executive orders, national DM policies), with the assistance of national societies and Federation delegates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand database to include and accommodate national instruments</li> <li>Develop <b>partnerships</b> with universities, international organizations and other experts to locate relevant national law</li> </ul> <p>Conduct review on regional and national IDRL in the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasis on three tsunami-affected countries</li> <li>Additional legal review in two countries from the Pacific</li> </ul>	<p>September 2005</p> <p>Ongoing: web-based database to be available by December 2005</p> <p>Jan 2006 Spring 2006</p>



## Objective 2: Clarification and analysis

Clarify and analyse the scope of existing laws, rules and principles relevant to regulation, facilitation and coordination of international response to disasters, including identification of any gaps and weaknesses

Expected result	Indicator	Activities	Completion date
Understanding is deepened of the application of IDRL at the national level	<p>Disaster case studies demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Degree of implementation of IDRL</li> <li>IDRL best practices in national laws and policies</li> <li>Field <i>ad hoc</i> best practices, including best lessons learned from the tsunami</li> <li>Any remaining gaps</li> </ul> <p>Case studies are widely disseminated, read and used, including by NS</p>	<p>Design appropriate system for the collection of case studies, including establishment of a <b>case study database</b> (to be integrated with web-based IDRL database for easy reference)</p> <p>Additional national or disaster-specific case studies are conducted:</p> <p>In a pilot phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tsunami (3 case studies)</li> <li>Other major disasters from Asia-Pacific region</li> </ul> <p>In a later phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case studies from other regions are conducted/facilitated, in particular through International Federation regional DM delegates, and added to database</li> </ul> <p>IDRL problems and best practices are gathered from NS, Federation delegates, NGO and UN staff, assisting and receiving governments by <b>questionnaires</b></p> <p>Summary <b>report</b> developed identifying trends from questionnaire response</p> <p>IDRL queries are integrated into <b>standardized reporting</b> and evaluation on disaster response by the International Federation and propose a similar process in other humanitarian organizations</p>	<p>End 2005</p> <p>August 2005–mid 2006</p> <p>October 2005–end 2006</p> <p>December 2005</p> <p>January 2006</p> <p>December 2006</p>
Analysis clarifies the disparate elements of IDRL laws, rules and principles compiled by the Federation and identifies gaps	<p>Comprehensive study brings disparate IDRL threads together, clarifying its scope and meaning and identifying gaps</p>	<p>Prepare a <b>comprehensive and thematically categorized study of IDRL</b> issues at the international level, identifying general principles, existing laws and state practice, best practices of IDRL implementation, and gaps (ie international response to disaster field problems remaining unaddressed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study draws on materials in IDRL database (instruments and case studies)</li> <li>Study is facilitated by consultative meetings with governments, national societies, international organizations, and other experts and stakeholders</li> <li>IDRL staff also consult with other relevant IGOs, such as ITU, IMO, IAEA, WCU, ICAO</li> <li>As study progresses, preliminary findings are integrated into IDRL database and IDRL information sheets</li> <li>Study is launched and widely disseminated</li> </ul>	<p>September 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>October 2006</p>



### Objective 3: Raising awareness and improving implementation

Improved awareness and implementation of existing laws, rules and principles relevant to the regulation, facilitation and coordination of international response to disasters

Expected result	Indicator	Activities	Completion date
IDRL database is made fully accessible to all stakeholders	Database presents updated information in format easily usable by national societies, other humanitarian organizations, Governments and other interested parties  Database is extensively used	Develop <b>web-based IDRL database</b> , indexed by country, region and by thematic issue and integrated with the case-study database (see objective 2) to be continuously updated  Web database integrates information sheets to explain and clarify the 'raw data' of the legal instruments  Publish IDRL database in <b>CD-ROM</b> or other format annually	First edition end 2005, ongoing  First edition end 2005, ongoing  Spring 2006
Increased awareness and acceptance of IDRL within relevant sectors of the international community	Recognition of IDRL is incorporated into international and regional humanitarian agendas	Produce a series of <b>information sheets</b> on IDRL relevant to specific topics of international disaster response  Conduct <b>promotion and advocacy</b> activities with emphasis on the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; Academic / research institutes</li> <li>Support the formation of partnerships with international organizations (including ITU, WCU), governments and NGOs</li> <li>As the lead role institution, present IDRL to the United Nations and regional organizations</li> <li>IDRL officers attend coordination and task force meetings of disaster response operation within and outside the Federation and provide information on IDRL as needed</li> <li>Strengthen regional IDRL networks in the Asia-Pacific region</li> </ul> IDRL is incorporated into Kobe follow-up activities of the IATF and IASC  IDRL is addressed at 29 <sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	March, June and August 2006  Ongoing  Ongoing  2007
Increased awareness of IDRL issues at the regional and national level	Regional meetings increase awareness of IDRL issues as raised by case studies and comprehensive study	Four <b>regional meetings addressed to governments</b> and other stakeholders with a view to exploring the results of the case studies and ongoing progress of comprehensive IDRL study (Asia, Americas, Africa, Europe)	Feb 2006 April 2006 June 2006 Sept 2006
Understanding gained from the compilation, analysis and categorization of IDRL is used to improve implementation of existing international laws and principles at the national level	National Societies, Federation delegations, and other stakeholders have access to and make use of IDRL information in a format usable for daily operations	<b>Consultation meetings</b> with national societies and other stakeholders: provide practical guidance for applying IDRL in response operations  Develop <b>country-specific IDRL fact sheets</b> to be included in DMIS  Develop an IDRL <b>training module</b> to be incorporated in Federation DP & DM tools and training (drawing from national societies workshops) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a <b>IDRL Handbook</b>, based on revised information sheets, ongoing comprehensive study, IDRL database and national societies workshops for use by national societies and international humanitarian organizations</li> </ul>	2006  Starting 2006  2007  2007



#### Objective 4: Closing the gaps

Measures taken to address gaps in existing laws, rules and principles relevant to the regulation, facilitation and coordination of international response to disasters at the domestic and international levels

Expected result	Indicator	Activities	Completion date
Wider adherence to existing multilateral IDRL treaties	Ratifications of Tampere Convention and other important multilateral instruments increase	Encourage the ratification of existing international IDRL instruments such as the <b>Tampere Convention</b> in IDRL programme materials, including in specific materials aimed at assisting NS in relevant countries to address the issue with responsible authorities	Ongoing
IDRL best practices are integrated into national laws and policies	NS advocate for enhanced laws and policies with national governments  Model legislative elements developed  New and revised laws are adopted	<b>IDRL Handbook</b> assists national societies to encourage policy reform to integrate IDRL principles and best practices into national law and policies  Develop <b>model legislation</b> on IDRL for national legislators and policy-makers drawing on IDRL database, Comprehensive Study, and Handbook, citing best practices at the national level and explaining applicable international norms  Provide <b>legal and technical support</b> on legislative and policy reform in the Asia-Pacific Region	End 2006  End 2006  2006
International commitment to IDRL principles is strengthened and gaps are addressed	Synthesizing international document(s) are adopted summarizing the basic principles and lessons learned about IDRL	Explore options for <b>progressive development</b> of international IDRL norms (e.g. guidelines, resolution, declaratory or other instruments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize and facilitate meetings with small groups of IDRL experts to discuss and make recommendations</li> <li>• Conduct wider consultations involving Governments, humanitarian organizations and other stakeholders</li> <li>• If feasible, support interested Governments and international organizations in a drafting process for a synthesizing international document on IDRL</li> <li>• Ensure inter-governmental oversight and approval through consideration of results at the <b>29<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross</b></li> </ul>	2007  2007  2007  2007