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SUMMARY REPORT
VNRC Performance and Red Cross Movement in 2016 and major tasks in 2017

In 2016, VNRC successfully achieved 3 main tasks which were: *i) Directing and organizing VNRC Congress at all levels in preparation for VNRC Congress Xth; ii) Organizing activities for VNRC 70th anniversary of establishment with good alignment and effectiveness (23/11/1946 - 23/11/2016); iii) Achieving impressive results in humanitarian campaigns and movements, actively addressing challenges and situations in humanitarian work “All for the poor and vulnerable”.* VNRC continues to be strengthened, fulfilled; the position of VNRC in the society and in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement continues to be improved.

Following is an assessment of VNRC Central Executive Committee on VNRC performance and Red Cross movement in 2016 and objectives in 2017.

Part I

VNRC PERFORMANCE AND RED CROSS MOVEMENT IN 2016

I. Directing, preparing and organizing successfully VNRC Congress at all levels in preparation for the Xth National Congress of Vietnam Red Cross Society

1. Directing, preparing and organizing VNRC Congresses at grassroots, provincial and district level

According to the Plan No. 118/KH-TU'HCTĐ dated July 24th, 2015 of VNRC Central Standing Committee on organizing VNRC Congresses at all levels towards the 10th National Congress of Vietnam Red Cross Society, VNRC Party and Youth Union and Central Standing Members coordinated with agencies of the Party to advise the Party Central Secretariat regarding the issuance of the Instruction No. 03-CT/TW dated 31 March 2016 on leading Red Cross Congresses at all levels and the 10th National Congress of Vietnam Red Cross Society, in which requesting Executive Committee and agencies of the Party guide the same VNRC level to prepare VNRC Congress's content; lead the personnel selection, nomination to the management team of the new term observing principles, processes, ensuring quality and quantity, reasonable structure; lead and direct the communication before, during and after the Congress, create significant transformation in people's awareness of the position, role and importance of humanitarian work and VNRC; guide authorities to facilitate VNRC in organizing the Congress formally, practically, economically and effectively. The CPV Central Secretariat also required VNRC

Congresses at grassroots, provincial and district levels should be completed by Q1/2017 at the latest so that the 10th National Congress of VNRC could be held in QII/2017.

Most of VNRC organizations at provincial and municipal level consulted Party Executive Committee of the same level to issue Instruction or Announcement on managing VNRC Congress at their levels, instructing the document set-up, guiding personnel arrangement, providing budget to organize congresses at each level. By end of December 2016, most of VNRC grassroots unit and more than 90% provincial units had successfully organized their levels' congress; 42 provincial and municipal organizations had successfully organized their congresses¹. VNRC Congress at all levels focused on good preparation of content, comprehensive assessment of VNRC performance and Red Cross Movement during last term, highlights on difficulties, restrictions and lesson learnt; setting up objectives, direction and working criteria for the new term which closely matches with real situations and requirements of humanitarian activities locally. Human resources arrangement for the Congress strictly complied with guidance of Party committee and upper VNRC levels'; in many local areas, young and competent officers were increased. Attention was paid to communication activities before, during and after the Congress. Most VNRC at all levels consulted Party committee at the same level to assign the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of the Party committee, standing representatives of the People's Committee to take the seat of Honorary President of VNRC organizations of the same level, providing more perspectives to VNRC activities in the new term.

2. Preparing for the 10th National Congress of VNRC

The preparation for the 10th National Congress of Vietnam Red Cross Society was rolled out proactively in timely manner. VNRC Central Standing Committee prepared a Draft Report for the Central Committee Tenure IXth which summarized VNRC performance and Red Cross Movement of the term 2012-2017, setting out objectives, direction for VNRC activities and Red Cross Movement of the term 2017-2022; prepared report about amending VNRC Charter and draft Charter (amendment and supplement) which were to sent for comments from provincial and municipal levels, discussed and collected recommendation at VNRC provincial congress; set up Organizing Committee and congress subcommittee, proactively prepared for communication, logistics and other preparatory work. VNRC Central Executive Committee ratified the Proposal on Executive Committee, Standing Committee, Standing Members and Monitoring Boards Tenure Xth to arrange specific personnel and organize an intensive emulation to celebrate the 10th National Congress of the Vietnam Red Cross Society.

II. Activities to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VNRC's establishment were organized with alignment and effectiveness at grassroots level

1. Communication activities, VNRC at all levels promoted the glorious tradition of VNRC, great contributions of VNRC in the progress of building and

¹ Including: Ninh Bình, Đà Nẵng, Lai Châu, Hồ Chí Minh city, Khánh Hòa, Lâm Đồng, Đồng Nai, Nam Định, Bắc Giang, Bình Định, Hậu Giang, Gia Lai, Hà Nam, Phú Yên, Quảng Bình, Hà Nội, Hà Giang, Cao Bằng, Quảng Ninh, Hải Dương, Phú Thọ, Yên Bái, Hải Phòng, Lào Cai, Kiên Giang, Vĩnh Long, Vĩnh Phúc, Cần Thơ, Tiền Giang, Bình Dương, Bình Phước, Thái Bình, Nghệ An, Thái Nguyên, Bắc Cạn, Kon Tum, Đắk Lắk, Sóc Trăng, Long An, An Giang, Quảng Trị, Bình Thuận.

defending the nation during the past 70 years of VNRC development among VNRC organizations via media channels; hosting the writing competition named “*Everlasting kind hearts (Sáng mãi những tấm lòng nhân đạo)*” in which contestant wrote about good examples of warm-hearted people and good-deed in humanitarian work, about VNRC Chairmen and Honorary Presidents through times, about VNRC excellent operating models. 500 quality articles selected from the contest at VNRC provincial and municipal levels would enter the national level, 22 excellent articles were awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd and consolation prizes.

VNRC National Headquarters held a seminar on “*Ho Chi Minh’s thoughts on humanitarian work (Tư tưởng Hồ Chí Minh về công tác nhân đạo)*”, attracting nearly 30 articles, journals ; supplemented and republished the History of Vietnam Red Cross Society; produced the documentary film entitled “*Vietnam Red Cross Society - 70 years on the humanitarian journey (Hội Chữ thập đỏ Việt Nam - 70 năm hành trình nhân ái)*”; prepared VNRC Traditional House and Room for public display; published publications about VNRC; improved and fulfilled VNRC press agencies (assigned Associate Editor for Human Magazines, Human and Life Newspaper, Deputy Director of the Audio Visual and Television Center for Humanitarian; renovated and improved the quality of content and format of publications...)

2. Implementing humanitarian projects

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of VNRC and VNRC congresses at all levels, most of VNRC organizations at all levels nationwide implemented humanitarian projects serving the community and supporting specially disadvantaged households (building roads, countryside bridges, safe shelters in flood, giving houses, cows, constructing facilities for clean water , offering health insurance cards, providing orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation for the disabled and children with congenital heart defects....). Many VNRC provincial and municipal organizations in the South West and South East area, some in South Central areas, Northern Delta launched campaigns and implemented humanitarian projects of high value; VNRC organizations at provincial and municipal levels contributed more than VND 3.7 billion to the humanitarian project at national level (each member donated VND 1000).

VNRC National Headquarters led the construction of national-level humanitarian projects at Vi Xuyen, Ha Giang which gave 70 houses, 70 cows, 70 water tanks (at total value of more than VND 4 billions) to 70 poor ethnic minority households, families having meritorious contribution to the country; built kindergarten classes for Gia Lai children at the value of VND 600 millions; constructed facilities for clean water for the poor in Ben Tre, participated in recovery programs after drought, salt water intrusion; campaigned to build schools at Ly Son Island, Quang Ngai.

3. Honoring teams, individuals who had excellent contributions to humanitarian work and VNRC development

In 2016, VNRC at all levels carried out reviews to honour or propose to reward teams and individuals who had achieved excellent results in humanitarian work and VNRC development. Remarkably, the majority of the rewarded are

VNRC staff, members, volunteers, collaborators at grassroots level, leaders of Party Executive committees, authorities, line-departments, social-political organizations who contributed most to humanitarian work and VNRC development.

VNRC National Headquarters provided guidance on how to conduct a review for the title “*Excellent Red Cross Cadre (Cán bộ chữ thập đỏ xuất sắc)*” at national and district level. More than 300 VNRC cadres nationwide were reviewed and awarded the title National “*Excellent Red Cross Cadre*” and more than 2000 cadres were recognized as Provincial “*Excellent Red Cross Cadre*”

4. 70th Anniversary of VNRC's establishment at all levels

In most localities, the celebration for the 70th anniversary of VNRC had specific activities such as: handover of humanitarian projects, honoring excellent teams and individuals in humanitarian work, visiting historical, revolutionary, humanitarian monuments and relics, at the same time, preparing and organizing VNRC Congresses at all levels.

On November 19th 2016, at Hanoi, VNRC formally held the 70th Anniversary of Establishment under the theme “*Everlasting fire of kind hearts*”, live broadcasted on VTV1. Madam Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, Politburo Member, Chairwoman of Vietnam National Assembly, leaders and former leaders of the Party and Government, leaders from ministries, line-agencies, central social-political organizations, representatives from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, International Committee of the Red Cross, international and regional Red Cross Associations, representatives from Diplomat Delegations and Agencies, organizations, enterprises, philanthropists at home and abroad, former VNRC leaders, national Excellent Red Cross Cadre joined the event. NA Chairwoman Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan made a speech and conferred the second-class Labor Order to VNRC to acknowledge excellent contributions of the Society in humanitarian work in the period from 201 to 2016.

III. VNRC's assistance to the poor and the vulnerable were implemented in tandem and achieved impressive results.

1. In the Campaign “Tet for the poor and agent orange victims” Year of Monkey - 2016, the whole Society raised and gave more than **2,176,296 gifts** to 2,176,296 families of the poor and Agent Orange victims’ with the value of **more than VND852.113 billion**. Many provincial and municipal levels met and even exceeded the target in this campaign². VNRC at all levels invited leaders and representatives from local line-departments, sponsoring enterprises to visit and offer gifts to families of the poor and Agent Orange victims’. Some local VNRC at provincial and municipal level even proactively supported other locations³. Despite difficulties in manufacturing and doing business, many enterprises and

² For examples: Hà Nội (92.750 gifts), Hồ Chí Minh (81.395 gifts), Thanh Hóa (59.827 gifts), Đồng Tháp (48.012 gifts), Quảng Nam (44.332 gifts), Bình Dương (42.731 gifts), Long An (41.000 gifts), An Giang (36.987 gifts), Đồng Nai (34.587 gifts), Thái Bình (34.271 gifts), Hậu Giang (31.367 gifts), Đắk Lắk (31.000 gifts), Trà Vinh (30.000 gifts)...

³ For examples: Hanoi VNRC gave VND 450 millions to provinces of Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Phu Tho, Vinh Phuc, Nam Dinh, Thai Binh, Ha Nam, Ninh Binh (VND 50 mil. each); Binh Duong province mobilized resources and gave 1,400 gifts at the value of VND 700 mil. to provinces of Long An, Hậu Giang, Tây Ninh, Gia Lai, Đắk Nông; Khánh Hòa mobilized resources and gave 450 gifts to Phan Thiết (Bình Thuận) and Phan Rang (Ninh Thuận), 200 gifts to Krông Păk District (Đắk Lắk)...

philanthropists accompanied VNRC in these campaigns; there were 123.181 organizations, individuals, 1.788 enterprises supporting VNRC.

VNRC National Headquarters decided to support in cash and in kind at the value of VND 5.91 billion to 53 over 63 provincial and municipal VNRC ⁴ ; assisted VND 100 million to officers and soldiers in the Navy with specially disadvantaged backgrounds through the program “*2016-Spring in Truong Sa Island*” launched by Vietnam Communist Party E-news; accompanied delegations of Party and Government leaders in their visits and giving gifts to the poor in Lao Cai, Nam Dinh, Tra Vinh, Bac Giang, Ha Nam, Thai Binh, Son La, Tuyen Quang; launched the online photography contest “*2016-Humanitarian Spring*” which attracted 1,241 contestants.

2. Carry out “Cow Bank Project”, the whole VNRC mobilized resources and gave 2.354 cows to 2.354 households, of which: local VNRC mobilized resources and gave 2,084 cows; VNRC National Headquarters mobilized resources and gave 270 cows (Samsung Vietnam Limited Company gave 6 cows via Korea Red Cross Society at total cost of VND 112 mil.; Philip Morris Company gave 60 cows at the value of nearly VND 900 mil.; Golden Tambourine Gameshow mobilized resources and gave 84 cows at total cost of more than VND 1.4 bil.; Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development gave 60 cows) raising total number of cows in the project “Cow Bank” to around 22,000 cows (from 2010 to now).

3. The campaign “Each organization/individuals helps one needy case”, organized in 44 over 63 provincial and municipal VNRC. In 2016, VNRC supported and asked for support to **146,859** “needy cases”, from 66% to 95% “needy cases” received support with total value up to VND **147.776 bil.** (Excellent units are: Hà Nội raised VND 30.986 bil., Bình Phước raised VND 12.427 bil., Thái Bình raised VND 7 bil., Đồng Nai raised VND 6.3 bil., Đồng Tháp raised VND 5.148 bil.). Some disadvantaged provinces also received high achievements (Quảng Nam: VND 4.1 bil., Hậu Giang: VND 3.178 bil, Hậu Giang: VND 3 bil., Thanh Hóa: VND 2.932 bil.) Major supports came in the form of cash, rice, necessities, houses of charity, scholarships, cows, pigs, money for production... on monthly or quarterly basis.

4. Kitchen for charity model: Up to now, VNRC at all levels nationwide organized and maintained **468** Kitchen for Charity of which: 323 kitchens inside hospitals, 124 kitchens outside hospital; serving nearly **5 millions** turns of people at total value of: more than **VND 31 billion**, supporting poor patients and patients’ family members in treatment. At Bắc Giang, Đắk Lắk, there were “*Social kitchen model*”, which partially took donations from eaters to cater for an extended range of beneficiaries (patients, patients’ relatives, workers with disadvantaged conditions...).

Supports for agent orange victims and project “*Support agent orange victims at provinces of The Central Highland and Tây Ninh*” are continued to be implemented at total cost of VND 6.8 bil.; providing health care services at home to 385 patients; health check-ups for 1220 people; carrying out orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation services for 610 people; organizing 12 trainings on rehabilitation in

⁴ Disaster-wrecked provinces in 2015 received 100 gifts each. Provinces at Northern mountainous area, coastal areas received additional 100 family kits and 100 gifts attached to those kits.

community for patients' relatives; funding for manufacturing development and apprenticeship to 400 households, training on animal husbandry to 400 households; educating people to prevent and deal with congenital defects. Besides, support were given to send 227 agent orange victims to Sam Son Nursing and First Aid Center, Thanh Hoa province, among which 50 were from Nghệ An, 177 from Thanh Hóa.

VNRC's total value for of social and humanitarian work in 2016 reached VND 2,598.799 billion (increased VND 179 bil. compared to 2015), supporting 8,010,832 subjects.

5. VNRC actively supported people in their recovery after cold spell, drought, salt-water intrusion and flood.

In January and early February 2016 , VNRC NHQs timely directed lower provincial VNRC in the North areas and North Central areas to support people in the cold spell, and gave Tet gifts in the Program “Tet for the Poor and agent orange victims” to severely affected households; funding in cash to some provinces to buy warm coats for poor pupils; collaborating with the National Humanitarian Portal to launch the SMS campaign “Warm coats for winter” supporting mountainous people in cold spell, granting 4,400 family kits, at the value of VND 2.2bil and withdrawing from VNRC NHQs Fund for Disaster Relief another VND 2.78 bil. .

VNRC NHQs called for support to assist people in the Central, The Central Highland and Mekong Delta in their recovery after serious drought and salt-water intrusion in 2016; collaborating with Central Steering Committee on Disaster Prevention to launch the Campaign “Join hands with people in the Central-The Central Highland and Mekong Delta in their recovery after drought and salt water intrusion”; mobilizing resouces and implementing humanitarian supports with total value of VND 93.6 bil. (of which 9 relief projects run by VNRC NHQs assisted 74,043 households at 15 over 21 provinces severely affected by drought, salt water intrusion and 4 provinces suffered mass death of fish andaquatic products in 2016)⁵ with total value of VND 36.2 bil.) Some VNRC provincial and municipal levels achieved good results in resource mobilizing efforts such as Hồ Chí Minh city Hà Nội, Hà Nam, Thanh Hóa, Quảng Ninh, Đà Nẵng, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu, Bến Tre...

In recovery after torrential rain and flood (from October to December 2016) at provinces at the Central, VNRC NHQs called for support at home and abroad, mobilizing resources valued VND 67,734 bil., of which sources from VNRC NHQs was VND 6.84 bil. (including: VND 4.27 bil. in cash ; 2,350 family kits, 700 housing repair toolkit, 15 make-shift tents, 345,000 Aquatab water purification tablet, 601 boxes of family shampoo, 200 20-litter pottery water filter and 10 computers); operating water filtering system in Quảng Bình province. Total donations in cash and in kind were given to affected household directly or via provincial VNRC: VND 45.496 bil. (Quảng Bình VNRC VND 22.996 bil., Hà Tĩnh VNRC VND 9.1 bil, Quảng Trị VNRC VND 4 bil., Nghệ An VNRC VND 4.4 bil, Bình Định VNRC VND 5 bil). Some organizations sent their support through

⁵ Items and results of the relief activities: Providing cash to 5,973 households; clean 20 litter-water tanks and bacterial disinfection pills to 25,432 households; plastic water containers to 7,651 households; 433,000 litter of clean water to 5,284 households in water tank trucks; labor-cash exchange to 100 households; communication campaigns on hygiene practice, education programs and antibacteria soap to 29,603 households; free health check-ups and medicine to 4,222 people.

VNRC NHQs such as: P&G Vietnam Company Limited VND 3.575 bil., Human Assistance Branch of Hanoi Red Cross: VND 1.048 bil... In supporting people in the recovery after the environmental calamity causing mass fish death in 4 Northern Central provinces, VNRC in the provinces of Hà Tĩnh, Quảng Bình, Quảng Trị, Thừa Thiên-Huế used the humanitarian fund, mobilized support from organizations and individuals to assist affected fishermen in cash and in kind with the value of more than VND 5.8 bil. VNRC NHQs organized health check-ups, health consultation, and free medicine to more than 4000 poor people affected by the environment incident.

To celebrate the International Day for Disaster Prevention and Reduction on October 31st 2016, VNRC coordinated with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, Central Steering Committee on Disaster Prevention, US Red Cross Society held a meeting to listen to the World Disaster Report 2016 and organized some drills for disaster response at commune level at Tam Kỳ city, Quảng Nam province. VNRC NHQs completed and put into practice the Handbook to conduct Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA); establishing Disaster Response Team at provincial level at Hòa Bình, Quảng Trị, Bạc Liêu Provinces⁶ as part of the program sponsored by USAID; signing a Collaboration Program with Central Steering Committee on Disaster Prevention to implement the Law on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (in the period of 2016-2020); signing a Memorandum with Vietnam Administration of Forestry to carry out project “*Mangrove forest plantation - Minimize disaster risk*” and managing forest areas planted by VNRC, enabling VNRC to effectively participate in disaster prevention and response; signing and implementing action plans in collaborating with the Vietnam Fatherland Front, social-political organizations, socio-professional organizations to support people in their recovery after salt water intrusion, drought, mass fish death.

Total value of VNRC in disaster prevention and response in 2016 reached VND 149.593 billion, supporting 458,732 subjects.

6. Health care for people

The whole system now has 209 mobile medical teams (2 teams at central level, 37 teams at provincial level and 172 teams at district level); 878 humanitarian health care establishments (traditional medical clinics, Western medical clinics, combined traditional and Western clinics, diagnosis and treatment establishments). Built upon results achieved in 2014 and 2015, the Central Steering Committee for Humanitarian Examination and Treatment Program continued to organize the Joint Program on Humanitarian Medical Examination and Treatment and Community Health Care in 2016, targeting those who were war invalids, martyrs' families, people with meritorious services to the country, the elderly and disadvantaged people, in which priority was given to revolutionary areas, poor districts and border

⁶ Accordingly, a Team consists of 21 members was formed under the decision of People's Committee, of which 12 members were from district and provincial VNRC (Team leader is head of provincial VNRC) and 9 members from Provincial, District Committees for Disaster Prevention- Search and Rescue (1 member is Deputy leader); operating budget were sourced from both sides (VNRC and People's Committee).

and island communes. Under the Joint Program, 2,562 examination teams were organized, which provided health check and free medicine valued more than VND143 billion to 1,572,615 people, donated 530,970 gifts valued more than VND163 billion to extremely disadvantaged people. The VNRC NHQs coordinated with Dong Anh Red Cross's Clinic and Coca-Cola Co., Ltd to organize humanitarian examinations in Hanoi, Quang Ninh, Da Nang, Ben Tre, Ho Chi Minh City and Ca Mau.

VNRC at all levels held 20,691 group communication sessions for 976,138 people, communicated disease prevention information to 367,867 people directly at households, posted and broad-casted 21,067 articles and news on mass media; updated and developed a variety of training and communication materials, video clips on dengue fever prevention; printed and distributed 2,300 leaflets, 840 sets of flip books, 7,300 calendars of disease prevention; provided 1,200 insecticide treated net and other items, etc. with the total budget of more than VND7.83 billion. VNRC at all levels also organized 546 training courses on health care communication and education for 34,442 volunteers, teachers and community members, worth over VND3.1 billion. In addition, the whole system had mobilized and provided funds to build 12,545 clean water projects (7,400 water tanks, 184 drilled wells, 4,961 other water works) and 271 sanitation facilities for poor households with total value of over VND18.06 billion.

Regarding first aid and traffic safety, the system of first aid stations and points in communities continued to be standardized, maintained and developed in number by VNRC at all levels to meet the needs for first aid at communities. Up to now, 19 first aid stations (increasing by 17 stations over 2015) and 284 first aid points in the community (increasing by 102 points over 2015) have reached standards and granted with operational licenses by local health departments. The provinces and cities which have successfully implemented Circular No. 17 include An Giang, Bac Giang, Thanh Hoa, Dong Thap, Da Nang, Can Tho and Dong Nai, etc. VNRC at all levels also coordinated closely with local traffic safety committees to carry out traffic safety communication, organize first aid training and provide first aid for victims of traffic accidents⁷. The VNRC NHQs had trained 158 trainers and facilitators throughout the system; coordinated with Grabtaxi Company to provide first aid training to 100 taxi drivers, 60 volunteers of Club 25 and members of the VNRC NHQs and partners in the Movement. 2,551 training courses were held by VNRC at all levels, which provided 89,521 volunteers and community members with initial first aid knowledge and skills (in collaboration with local traffic safety committees).

The health care total value in the entire system in 2016 reached VND 615,947 million, which provided support to 13,328,247 subjects.

7. Communication and mobilization of voluntary blood donations

⁷ At present, 56/63 VNRC branches of provinces and cities are members of local traffic safety committees; 25/63 VNRC branches of provinces and cities have signed the joint program and effectively implemented joint activities with local traffic safety committees; 67 training courses on first aid skills and traffic safety knowledge have been jointly organized for 6,718 people.

In 2016, VNRC at all levels had effectively cooperated to organize "Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign - Pink Spring Festival", "Blood Donation Day - April 7", "Summer Red Blood Drops Campaign and Red Journey Program". VNRC of cities and provinces and Steering Committees at all levels continued to expand and maintain the operation of **3,137** voluntary blood donation clubs⁸ with a total of **126,281** members (an increase of 378 clubs and 11,607 members as compared to 2015); provided training on voluntary blood donation communication and mobilization knowledge and skills for **35,945** volunteers and club members (in which, the VNRC NHQs offered training to 2,309 persons, the remaining 33,436 persons were trained by other ministries, sectors and localities); organized 26,562 communication sessions for 1,254,952 people; honored and rewarded 24,022 teams, individuals and families with achievements in voluntary blood donation and voluntary blood donation mobilization (18,844 individuals, 3,732 teams and 1,446 families, increasing by 6.1% over the same period in 2015)⁹; organized events to honor the provincial exemplary blood donors and honored "100 Vietnam Exemplary Blood Donors 2016"¹⁰ on the occasion of "World Blood Donor Day" – June 14.

VNRC branches of 32 provinces and cities (the standing body of the Provincial Steering Committee) advised the party committee of provinces, cities or provincial people's committee¹¹ to issue document to direct the mobilization of voluntary blood donation in 2016; allocated the target of blood donation mobilization and receipt in 2016 to the districts and provincially-run units. The VNRC NHQs and members of the National Steering Committee advised on allocation of targets for mobilization and receipt of blood for the period 2016-2020, which created the basis for the provinces, cities and central ministries and agencies to make and implement the plan of mobilizing and receiving blood in the following years; participated in the drafting of the Law on Blood and Stem Cell (4th draft) for submission to the Government and the National Assembly for issuance in 2017; gave comment for amendment of Circular No. 33/2014/TT-BYT to suit current practice; promulgated guidance documents to Steering Committees at all levels and the whole system to carry out large voluntary blood donation "campaigns" and "events" in the year¹².

In 2016, 1,393,760 blood conversion units were mobilized and received nationwide, reaching 109% of the annual plan and increasing by nearly 4% over the

⁸ Including: Reserve Blood Donation Club ("Fresh Blood Bank"); Club 25; Rare Blood Group Club, Family Donation Club; Voluntary Blood Donation Mobilization Club.

⁹ The National Steering Committee and the VNRC NHQs honored and rewarded 3,790 individuals, teams and families (2,259 individuals, 1,218 teams and 313 families, an increase of 95% over the same period in 2015).

¹⁰ In which: 44 people donated blood 20 times or more, especially 10 volunteers donated blood 61-84 times, 51 people not only donated blood but also mobilized hundreds of blood donors; 11 persons were representatives of exemplary blood donation families; 25 persons were VNRC's staff, members or volunteers.

¹¹ Including: Ba Ria-Vung Tau, Bac Giang, Bac Kan, Binh Dinh, Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc, Ca Mau, Can Tho, Dak Lak, Dong Thap, Ha Giang, Ha Nam, Ha Tinh, Khanh Hoa, Lam Dong, Lang Son, Nam Dinh, Nghe An, Ninh Binh, Phu Tho, Phu Yen, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, Quang Ninh, Son La, Thai Nguyen, Thanh Hoa, Ho Chi Minh City, Tra Vinh, Thua Thien Hue, Vinh Long, Yen Bai.

¹² The VNRC NHQs and Standing Office of the National Steering Committee also organized 08 training courses on voluntary blood donation mobilization (07 basic classes for 489 staff and volunteers in 6 provinces: Yen Bai, Lao Cai, Hoa Binh, Dak Nong, Tien Giang, Soc Trang and Club 25; 01 advanced training course for 56 staff of the Office of the Steering Committee of 37 provinces and cities) and 4 meetings with 450 members of Rh (-) rare blood group club for 4 regions (Northern, Central Vietnam; South East and South West).

previous year, of which 97.5% were voluntarily donated blood, equivalent to 1.52% of the population; 50 provinces and cities reached or even exceeded 100% of the annual plan¹³. Outstanding voluntary blood donation campaigns and events included: *i*) "Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign for New Year - Pink Spring Festival" 2016: In 2 months (from January 15 to March 15), the Steering Committee and the VNRC at all levels mobilized and received 241,749 units of blood, reaching 101.2% of the set target¹⁴, basically resolving lack of blood for treatment before, during and after Lunar New Year; *ii*) Responding to "National Blood Donation Day – April 7": 35,453 people nationwide registered to donate blood and 23,475 blood units were received in one day; *iii*) "Summer Red Blood Drops Campaign and Red Journey Program" - 2016: During 4 months of implementation (from May 08 – September 02), the Steering Committee and VNRC at all levels mobilized and received 383,588 blood units, achieving 32.4% of 2016 year plan. According to the health sector, this is the first year the country's major hematology-blood transfusion centers had sufficient amount of blood for emergency and treatment.

The value of humanitarian blood donation communication and mobilization of the whole system in 2016 reached VND280,635 million, increasing by 29% over 2015.

IV. Different aspects of VNRC work were organized consistently, contributing to promoting humanitarian movements and campaign of VNRC

1. Communication and resource mobilization

In 2016, VNRC at all levels focused on communicating great events of the country and Vietnam Red Cross Society, such as: the 12th National Congress of the Communist Party; Election to the 14th National Assembly; Movement "*New Year for the Poor and Agent Orange Victims*" Spring of 2016; Campaign "*Accompany the people affected by drought, saline intrusion*"; relief activities for people affected by storms and floods in Central Vietnam, organization of congresses of the VNRC at all levels; events celebrating the 70th anniversary of VNRC, etc. There were **1,551 news and articles** on the activities of the VNRC at all levels published on national and local newspapers, Humanity & Life Newspaper, Humanity Magazine, Humanity Television; **584 news and articles** about the activities of VNRC posted on Vietnam Red Cross Society's website. Some new columns were opened in the internal and external press, such as the writing contest "*Everlasting fire of kind hearts*" (*Sáng mãi những tâm lòng nhân đạo*), "Reading through peer journal" (*Độc qua báo bạn*), "Kindness Corner" (*Góc nhân ái*), "Living Beautifully" (*Sống đẹp*), "The Kindness" (*Việc tử tế*), etc. The VNRC NHQs collaborated with Digital Television to launch the program "Loving Arms" (*Vòng tay yêu thương*);

¹³ Including: Ba Ria-Vung Tau, Bac Lieu, Bac Giang, Bac Kan, Bac Ninh, Ben Tre, Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc, Binh Thuan, Cao Bang, Can Tho, Da Nang, Dak Lak, Dak Nong, Dien Bien, Dong Nai, Gia Lai, Ha Giang, Ha Nam, Ha Noi, Ha Tinh, Hai Duong, Hai Phong, Hau Giang, Hoa Binh, Hung Yen, Khanh Hoa, Kien Giang, Kon Tum, Lai Chau, Lang Son, Lao Cai, Lam Dong, Nam Dinh, Nghe An, Ninh Thuan, Phu Tho, Phu Yen, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri, Soc Trang, Son La, Thai Nguyen, Thanh Hoa, Thua Thien Hue, Tien Giang, Tra Vinh, Vinh Long. In which, blood mobilization and receipt of 11 provinces including: Ba Ria-vung Tau, Bac Kan, Bac Ninh, Hai Duong, Hoa Binh, Hung Yen, Khanh Hoa, Kien Giang, Quang Ngai, Soc Trang and Thai Nguyen reached over 120%.

¹⁴ In particular, the "Pink Spring Festival" organized by the Steering Committee for Voluntary Blood Donation of Hanoi City in collaboration with the National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion, held on February 28, 2016 at the National Convention Center attracted about 20,000 participants, among them 13,000 registered to donate blood, 8,999 units of blood were received (the highest blood volume in nine festivals).

coordinated with Lasta Company to develop “Kindness Corner” with duration of 15 minutes/session, 3 sessions/week; continued to coordinate with the Vietnam Heart Foundation - Vietnam Television to organize the columns: Back home (Về quê), For the Homeland Island (Vì biển đảo quê hương), Operational Healthy Heart (Trái tim cho em), etc. Most of VNRC branches of provinces and centrally-run cities publish quarterly Humanitarian newsletters or Red Cross newsletters, special newsletter to welcome provincial congresses; more than 20 VNRC branches of provinces and cities have set up websites with links to the VNRC NHQs’s website and local newspapers. Some VNRC branches of provinces and cities often provide news, articles and photos, such as Nghe An, Hoa Binh, Ha Nam, Quang Binh, Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc, and Lam Dong.

In the mobilization of resources, VNRC at all levels continue to develop traditional fund-raising models (Humanitarian boxes, loving rice pots, compassionate money, savings plastic pigs, etc.), actively motivated contributions to support humanitarian works, supported money to disadvantaged people in the form of sending messages. VNRC at many levels also paid attention to developing partnerships with agencies, organizations, businesses and benefactors. VNRC at all levels were also interested in professional training for local staff on fund development, guidance on management and use of resources in accordance with the regulations of the State, the VNRC NHQs and donors. Some VNRC branches of provinces and cities had initially mobilized to build a team of collaborators and develop the Sponsorship Council for fund raising.

The Central Vietnam Red Cross Society had completed the lectures and guidebook for fund raising; released funds mobilization kit; evaluated the operation of the Red Cross Sponsorship Council; collaborated with the National Humanitarian Portal and some related agencies and organizations to implement 8 message campaigns including: “*Tet for the poor and Agent Orange victims*” (Tết vì người nghèo và nạn nhân chất độc da cam) in 2016 and 2017, “*Winter Clothes*” (Áo ấm mùa đông), “*Build a Bridge*” (Kiến tạo nhịp cầu), “*Give back his name*” (Trả lại tên cho anh-Grateful for Martyrs), “*Operational Healthy Heart*” (Trái tim cho em), “*Fresh water for people affected by drought, saline intrusion*” (Nước ngọt cho đồng bào vùng hạn, mặn), “*Grateful for Truong Son soldiers*” (Tri ân chiến sĩ Trường Sơn), “*For the people in the flooded zone*” (Vì đồng bào vùng lũ), which had collected the total amount of **VND 6,314 million**; signed a cooperation program with Coca-Cola Vietnam Co., Friesland Campina Co., Ltd., P&G Co., Ltd. to supply water purification powder (costing more than VND 12 billion in 2016 – 2019 period), with Philip Morris Company to implement the vocational training project for poor women and cow bank project, with Samsung Company to implement cow bank project), with The (Japan-based) Volunteers Group to Send Wheelchairs to Overseas Children and a number of organizations, enterprises and benefactors, etc.

In addition to mobilizing domestic resources, the VNRC NHQs continued to maintain cooperative relations with partners inside and outside the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The mobilized amount was estimated at about VND 114 billion, including VND 78 billion (68.5%) for disaster preparedness, emergency relief, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, VND 13

billion (11,5%) for capacity building, fund raising, image and humanitarian value communication, VND 14 billion (12%) for primary health care, first aid, environment and water sanitation and the remaining for social work and other humanitarian activities. The VNRC NHQs also received USD 250,000 from the Red Cross Society of China for emergency response to droughts, saline intrusion, and helping the people in Central Vietnam to overcome the aftermath of floods. The highlight of international resource mobilization in 2016 was the direct funding for VNRC, without using any third parties, for the first time by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The Vietnam Red Cross Society also supported the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to recover from the disaster with the support amount of USD 70,000.

2. Humanitarian foreign affairs

VNRC in some provinces bordering with Laos and Cambodia continued to visit and give gifts to the poor, perform humanitarian medical examination and treatment in neighboring countries. For instance, the Red Cross Society of Dak Nong province signed a cooperation agreement with the Red Cross Society of Monduliri (Cambodia), etc. VNRC at provinces and centrally-run cities For example, Da Nang Red Cross Society cooperated with Swedish Cal Aggie Alumni Association, Brittany's Hope Foundation (USA) and Activity International to implement the humanitarian, community development programs and projects which valued VND 1,032 million; Red Cross Society of Tien Giang province cooperated with the Association Pomme Cannelle (France) to implement the humanitarian programs with total value of over VND876 million in 2016, cooperated with the German-Vietnam Charity Foundation to implement humanitarian activities which valued VND 120 million and cooperated with Dental Mission for Children; Quang Ninh had the support of Orphan Voice, which donated wheelchairs valued VND182 million to poor people with disabilities; Phu Yen had the support of Asian Resource Foundation, which donated 250 gifts worth VND 75 million; Khanh Hoa Red Cross Society had the support of Isabella Charity and Build Aid; Bac Kan also had the support of the Wold Charity organization and local organizations and enterprises for local humanitarian activities.

In 2016, Vietnam Red Cross Society continued to deploy 35 foreign non-governmental grants, including 14 new project and non-project grants with total disbursements of nearly VND117 billion (including over VND77 billion supported by partners of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, accounting for 66% and nearly VND40 billion from non-Movement partners). Relationships with national red cross societies of neighboring countries had seen positive changes. In particular, VNRC had received 01 project on clean water in Khanh Hoa province which valued USD 100,000, received grants to overcome the consequences of natural disasters in Vietnam which valued USD250,000 from the Red Cross Society of China; agreed to sign the Cooperation Agreement with the Red Cross Society of China in January 2017; continued to organize professional training course for 20 trainees who were leaders and staff at all levels of Lao Red Cross Society in Hanoi in 2016; completed the contents of bilateral cooperation agreement with the Cambodian Red Cross Society and expected to sign the agreement in 2017.

In 2016, the VNRC NHQs welcomed 37 delegations with 218 visitors, achieving 112% of the approved plan. Especially, VNRC successfully hosted important international delegations to visit and work with Vietnam Red Cross Society¹⁵; sent abroad 36 delegations with 80 participants, achieving 70% of the approved plan. The VNRC NHQs also organized two delegations under the policy of aid and diplomacy active promotion in Laos - Cambodia, Russia, Czech Republic, Poland; sent participants to the United Nations Conference on Humanitarian and Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

3. Organizational development, staff training, inspection of VNRC

Along with the process of preparation and organization of the congress, VNRC at all levels continued to implement Resolution No. 28 of the VNRC NHQs's Executive Committee on "*Building strong grassroots units*", focusing on solutions for improving the quality of membership; building and improving the operational quality of volunteering teams, units and groups. The VNRC NHQs also set up working groups to direct the provincial congresses; reviewed and approved the congresses of provinces and cities; decided to direct the venue for provincial congress (one venue per region); instructed VNCR at provinces and cities to implement a RMS¹⁶ software-based voluntary database management system; issued a plan for overall review of VNRC's forces¹⁷. The training of VNRC's staff continued to be paid attention to by VNCR at all levels. VNCR at all levels focused on the specialized contents of specific areas, improving skills, practices, exchanging practical experience. In 2016, the Central VNCR held 20 training courses for 927 trainees.

In 2016, the inspection work in the whole system was implemented strictly and effectively. VNCR at all levels had developed inspection plan and organized inspection delegations to VNCRs at lower level, subordinate units and at their own level. The Inspection Board of Central VNCR had consulted to set up and implement the Inspection program of the Standing Committee of Central VNCR in 12 VNCRs of provinces and cities, focused on inspecting the implementation of the plan of the Red Cross Congress at all levels, the implementation of the current term congress's Resolution according to the VNCR's Charter and directives of the Central VNCR; inspected the implementation of the Resolution of Central VNCR's

¹⁵ Significant delegations included: Delegation of General Secretary of Qatar Red Crescent Society; Delegation of Vice President of the American Red Cross Society; Provided training and professional training on VNRC works for 20 representatives who were leaders and staff at all levels of Lao Red Cross Society; Delegation of the President of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Society, etc.

¹⁶ As of December 26, 2016, according to preliminary statistics, there were **317,476** Red Cross volunteers in VNRC branches of 52 provinces and cities. The volunteering model has become more and more diverse and effective in the community. The most prominent models are the following provinces and cities: Da Nang (with the model of the charity branch which won the national volunteer award in 2016), Hai Duong (with first aid volunteering model which won national volunteer award in 2016), Ho Chi Minh City (with voluntary blood donation model which won the national volunteer award in 2016), Thanh Hoa with first aid taxi-motobike model, Kien Giang, Can Tho, Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, An Giang, Binh Phuoc, etc. with Kitchen of Charity, An Giang with the Free ambulance vehicle model. Up to date, VNRC branches in 28 provinces and cities have updated volunteer lists, 19 of which have completed volunteer lists as required.

¹⁷ There are 14,230 VNRC staff at all levels. Allowances for communal VNRC's staff ranged from 0.5-1.9 (32 provinces with allowances higher than 1.0, 31 provinces with allowances of 0.5 to 0.9, Dong Thap has the highest allowance: 1.9), some localities advised to pay civil servants of 25%; the whole system has **4,327,230** members in **16,875** grassroots VNRC branches; Fee collection is 50% to 70%; **351,343** Red Cross volunteers, **3,626,334** Red Cross youth volunteers (In 2015, the whole system had **15,069** full-time staff, **4,330,730** full members, **423,224** volunteers, **3,579,619** red cross youth volunteers, working in 16,231 grassroots VNRC branches).

Standing Committee on the 70th anniversary of Vietnam Red Cross Society; examined the implementation of the Call for and implementation of drought relief and saline intrusion projects in the Central, Highland and Mekong River Delta provinces; received 25 letters (including 06 denunciations, 11 petitions, 05 complaints, 02 appeals, prosecutions and 01 anonymous petition). After reviewing, 13 letters were transferred to relevant agencies and 06 letters were directly addressed under the direction of the Standing Committee of VNRC NHQs.

4. Direction and coordination in humanitarian activities

On implementing Directive No. 03-CT/TW dated March 31, 2016 of the Secretariat of the Party Central Committee, the VNRC NHQs worked with several party committees of provinces and cities to convene local exemplary congresses; worked with the Ministry of Home Affairs on the consistent use of VNRC's current Charter in preparing and organizing VNRC's congresses at all levels. VNRC branches at provinces and cities continued to advise the party committees and authorities at the same level to direct the preparation and organization of local VNRC congresses in accordance with Directive No. 03-CT/TW. 41 among 63 party committees of provinces and cities or provincial people's committee issued documents directing the VNRC's congresses at all levels.

VNRC of many provinces and cities coordinated with the Department of Education and Training and the Provincial Youth Union to review the five-year implementation of the Tripartite Coordination Program on school Red Cross; coordinated with the provincial Military Command to review the five-year implementation of joint resolution on Red Cross work in Vietnamese People's Army. The VNRC NHQs coordinated with the Ministry of Education and Training and the Central Committee of Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union to summarize the five-year implementation of tripartite joint program in school red cross in the 2010-2015 period and signed the Tripartite Joint Program for the 2016-2021 period¹⁸; coordinated with the General Political Department of the Vietnamese People's Army to review the five-year implementation of the Joint resolution on the coordination between the Vietnam Red Cross Society and the General Political Department of the Vietnamese People's Army in the 2011-2016 period¹⁹ and signed a coordination program for the 2016-2021 period.

The VNRC NHQs issued (adjusted) criteria for assessment of emulation for VNRC of provinces and cities; strengthened the emulation block's leadership;

¹⁸ There are 3,626,334 Red Cross youth volunteers nationwide in more than 18,820 Red Cross branches in schools from lower secondary schools, upper secondary schools, colleges to universities and residential areas nationwide. The number of Red Cross youth volunteers in school accounts for over 90%. The Red Cross youth activities focus on communicating humanitarian values, implementing the Campaign "Each organization/individual helps one needy case", school health care, initial first aid, life skills training, blood donation campaign, etc.

¹⁹ Over the past five years, the General Political Department of the Vietnamese People's Army and Vietnam Central Red Cross Society have directed units in the Army and VNRC at all levels to build 10,442 "Red Cross houses" with a total value of more than VND281 billion; build 11,914 "Charity Houses", "Comrade Houses"; Supported the Center for Disability and Agent Orange Victims with a total value of nearly VND831 billion; VNRC members and staff and soldiers across the country have contributed millions of labor days to help people repair and renew tens of thousands of kilometers of rural roads, dredged 121,500 km of irrigation canals; built 91 military medical clinics worth VND33 billion, organized 9,085 examination, treatment and medical consultation, free medicine for over 6,619,233 people which valued VND313.48 billion; mobilized 1,873,869 staff, soldiers, members, youth volunteer, volunteers of VNRC for blood donation of 1,552,215 blood units, maintained operations of over 3,900 voluntary blood donation clubs with 111,586 members; planted 4,328.2 ha of new forest in bare land, bare hills and mangrove forests, cared for nearly 9,000 ha of planted forests; built 1,369 flood shelters, worth over VND44 billion; provided allowance and assistance for ethnic minorities in border areas and islands. The movement of "New rural development together" was promoted.

evaluated and awarded 2,732 commemorative medals “*For the cause of humanitarian*” (*Vì sự nghiệp nhân đạo*), awarded certificates of merit to 1,675 teams and 3,118 individuals, 60 emulation flags for outstanding units in the 2011-2015 period and 9 emulation flags for 9 VNRC branches at provinces and cities for achieving excellent achievements in the activities of VNRC and Red Cross Movement in the 2013 - 2015 period.

V. Overall assessment

In 2016, the works of the VNRC and Red Cross Movement were effectively implemented in all three major areas: the congresses at all levels and the tenth National Congress were organized timely and satisfactorily; the 70th anniversary of VNRC was organized consistently and effectively at all levels; the movements, humanitarian campaigns such as “*New Year for the Poor and Agent Orange Victims*” campaign, humanitarian medical examination and treatment and community health care campaign, voluntary blood donation, assisting people to overcome the consequences of cold and bad weather in Northern mountainous provinces and drought and saline intrusion in the Central, Highlands and Mekong River delta provinces, fish mass deaths, floods in the provinces of North Central and South Central, etc. achieved impressive results. The role and status of VNRC in the society and in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement continued to be affirmed. The total value of activities in the whole system in 2016 reached **VND 3,367,966 million** (an increase of more than **VND 197,586 million** compared to 2015), helping **21,810,705 people** in difficult circumstances. However, the works of VNRC and the Red Cross Movement in 2016 still had some limitations, namely:

- Member and volunteer management remained weak, which focused on formality and quantity rather than quality. The number of members tended to decrease in some localities; VNRC staff in many areas were inadequate both in terms of number and capacity, especially in difficult areas, where the rate of poor households is high; the content, mode of operation of VNRC in many units were still passive, conservative and slow. There were some cases of law violation, causing great damage to the prestige of VNRC in some localities. Capacity of VNRC had not fundamentally meet the requirements for a core organization, which bridges and coordinates humanitarian work.

- The communication and mobilization of resources in many areas were challenging, especially at the grassroots level. A team of qualified staff to mobilize resources had not been established in the whole system. There was a lack of fundamental solutions to develop partnerships with agencies, organizations, enterprises, donors in humanitarian work. The operations of VNRC’s press agencies were still limited.

- In the implementation of humanitarian movements and campaigns, some activities were not directed and implemented properly, leading to inconsistent results among localities and regions, such as: “Cow Bank”, “Each organization/individual helps one needy case” campaign; the activities of the Association for Victims of Agent Orange at all levels and the support for victims of Agent Orange, disaster preparedness and response which were still passive

sometimes in some places; the seeking of relative information; mobilization of the donation of tissues, organs and bodies.

- The policy counseling and advocacy were still facing difficulties, especially the personnel policy, mechanisms and policies on resource mobilization; the coordination with other sectors and unions in humanitarian work remained difficult; Many coordination programs with a number of agencies and organizations were not deployed effectively.

Part II

VNRC TASKS AND MOVEMENT IN 2017

I. Fundamental Objectives and Targets

1. Objectives: To continue strengthening and enhancing VNRC's capacity, notably its capacity for humanitarian advisory task/advocacy, management and coordination of humanitarian activities; effectively organize humanitarian movements and advocacy, emulation activities for the celebration of the 10th National Congress of VNRC, and actively take care of disadvantaged/vulnerable people.

2. Some major indicators

2.1. Mobilize and donate at least 1 million Tet gifts for poor households and victims of Agent Orange in the Lunar New Year of 2017.

2.2. Collaborate in health check/consultancy and free supply of medicines for at least 01 million disadvantaged people;

2.3. Each VNRC's unit should provide support for at least 01 "*needy case*" and mobilize donation from a minimum of 03 agencies, organizations and benefactors for "*needy case*" following the profiles recommended by the VNRC;

2.4. Mobilize and receive at least 1.5 million pints of blood (converted) of which more than 98% is from voluntary blood donors.

II. Effective implementation of VNRC movements and mobilizations/advocacy

1. Humanitarian social work

- Specify and implement the Congress resolution at each VNRC level and the general one of the 10th National Congress of VNRC related to social work.

- Continue deploying the Movement that of "*Tet for the poor and agent orange victims*", and the advocacy/mobilization named "*Each organization/individual helps one needy case*", and the "*Cow bank*" project; collaborate with the National Coordination Office for new rural development to deliver the National Target Program on New rural development in Vietnam.

- Promote the replication of exemplary humanitarian models at sub-national level; conduct studies and researches to spread 1-2 models on humanitarian social work and perform works relating to the receipt and coordination of aids provided by

international and domestic organizations and individuals in humanitarian social work.

2. Engagement in disaster prevention and response

- Specify and implement the Congress resolution at each VNRC level and the general one of the 10th National Congress of VNRC in the field of disaster preparedness and response.

- Develop a Plan for the participation in disaster preparedness and response in 2017; mobilize the Emergency Fund at each VNRC level; implement timely, efficient and targeted relief activities during the event of natural disasters.

- Strengthen and roll out the model of Disaster Response Teams at provincial and community levels; jointly organize disaster preparedness exercises in the community with the participation of members of the Disaster Response Team; build a safe community-point model and transfer the community-based disaster risk management model developed by the VNRC.

- Standardize/develop a number of documents on: Community Action for Disaster Response (CADRE), SPHERE standards, Standardized Procedures on the Implementation of minor construction works for disaster preparedness and response; manage and gradually enhance the corps of lecturers, trainers, and instructors on disaster preparedness and response.

- Continue realizing the Collaboration Program with the Central Steering Committee on Disaster preparedness and response for the enforcement of the Law on disaster preparedness and response; involve in implementing Vietnam's 1002 Program; collaborate in the management of forest areas planted by the VNRC.

3. Involvement in People Health Care services

- Elaborate and implement the Resolution of local and national Congress in the field of community-based health care services.

- Perform further collaboration in organizing 2017 Humanitarian medical examination and treatment campaign; develop medical examination/treatment and first-aid centers across the VNRC system; review the results of Humanitarian medical examination and treatment campaign in the 2014-2017 period.

- Implement the community-based first-aid activities, specifically: Continue training, developing and standardizing the corps of first-aid instructors, and volunteers under the regulations of Circular no 17/2014/TT-BYT; strengthen and develop a system of Red Cross first-aid stations and points; standardize equipment and work force involving in first-aid work at community level.

4. Communication on humanitarian blood donation

- Specify and implement the Congress resolution at each VNRC level and the general one of the 10th National Congress of VNRC related to voluntary blood donation.

- Collaborate with agencies which are members of the Steering committee at corresponding level to implement the plan on communication and mobilization of voluntary blood donation, following the assigned targets; continue organizing voluntary blood donation campaign and events at local level

- Develop and manage voluntary blood donation clubs at all VNRC levels; provide training to the core force of volunteers in such clubs on the communication skill to call upon voluntary blood donation.

- Honor and reward individual, household and teams having achievements in voluntary blood donation and in communication/mobilization results relating to such activity. Prepare for the celebration of 10-year establishment of the National Steering Committee on Voluntary blood donation communication

- Involve in communicating and advocating the donation of tissues, organs, body parts and deceased body.

III. Parallel implementation of five fundamental tasks and solutions

1. Communication and mobilization of Resources

- Elaborate and implement the Resolution of local and national Congress related to communication and mobilization of resources

- Continue developing and provide capacity building to officials in charge of communication and mobilization of resources; prepare detailed plan for building a work force in resource communication and mobilization towards professional direction; formulate guideline documents on communication and mobilization of resources

- Closely collaborate with Central and local press agencies in the communication of VNRC humanitarian activities; develop thematic program on humanitarian activities for broadcasting on a number of national and local television channels.

- Implement policy advocacy related to resource mobilization at all VNRC levels; strengthen the Sponsor council for Red cross activities at all levels; review and roll out effective mobilization models; organize appropriate services, creating more resources for humanitarian activities.

2. Organization of VNRC

- Specify and implement the Congress resolution at each VNRC level and the general one of the 10th National Congress of VNRC related to VNRC organization development

- Closely manage and develop network of members (by issuing member card and fee collection), properly manage youth and youngsters, develop Red Cross volunteerforce; review results of the volunteer model

- Efficiently deliver activities related to Red cross youth and youngsters; collaborate with the Ministry of education and training and Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union for Red Cross youth and youngsters activities in the 2016-2021 period

- Regulate standards and deliver training to staff under the VNRC professional title standards; develop a corp of trainers, instructors at central and provincial levels for all VNRC operating aspects; prepare a training framework for all levels, develop and revise training materials.

- Collaborate with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for the capacity building of VNRC (on OCAC, SAF).

3. Humanitarian foreign affairs

- Specify and implement the resolution of the 10th National Congress of VNRC on external relations; deliver effectively the approved external relation plan for 2017.

- Organize delegations to a number of countries for study tours, and experience exchange on humanitarian activities and active diplomacy.

- Continue to expand bilateral and multilateral cooperation with partners in the Movement and national Red Cross associations from other countries and international organizations; Sign cooperation agreements with Red Cross associations of neighboring countries and provinces that share borders.

- Enhance the search for war victims' relatives; promote the external relations of VNRC.

4. Advisory tasks and collaboration in humanitarian work

- Provide advice on the promulgation of the Directive by Prime Minister and solutions to policies related to VNRC organization and operations, notably those on VNRC staff; evaluate the implementation of Communist Party's directives, policies and laws issued by the State on the Red Cross operations, provide comments on the Law on Red Cross Activities.

- Assess results of programs/resolutions/collaboration plans for humanitarian activities with agencies, organizations, enterprises, sponsors; develop collaboration directions for the upcoming time.

- Sign Collaboration program with the Vietnam Fatherland Front (VFF) and other social-political organizations in the field of humanitarian work.

5. Steering, information provision, emulation and commendation

- Continue steering and organizing VNRC congress at provincial level and the 10th National Congress of VNRC on July 7, 2017

- Improve the information provision, consolidation and reporting following principles of "On time, accurate, concise, understandable and easy-to-implement manner"; perform effectively the emulation activities in close linkage to the movements, communication and mobilization activities of VNRC and localities.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN 2017

- 1.** Accomplish the VNRC Congress at local level and the 10th National Congress of VNRC.

- 2.** Implement a movement named "*Tet for the poor and agent orange victims*" 2017, advocacy/mobilization named "*Each organization/individual helps one needy case*", Humanitarian medical examination and treatment campaign 2017, voluntary blood donation campaign and events in 2017, participation in disaster preparedness and response.

3. Organize a great emulation to celebrate the 10th National Congress of VNRC and deploy the movement of “Learn from *President Ho Chi Minh’s thoughts, morals, and style*” (under a *separate Plan*).

4. Perform policy advocacy with priority given to those on resource mobilization, staff policy, movements and mobilization/communication of VNRC.

5. Deliver training on the enforcement of Resolution of the 10th National Congress of VNRC to key staff of VNRC at all levels nationwide.

6. Host the Southeast Asian Regional Leadership Conference and participate in biennial conferences of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Istanbul, Turkey.

In order to promote the results achieved in 2016, based on the focuses of 2017 work plan, VNRC Central Executive Committee requests the VNRC executive committees at provincial/municipal levels, and its members to lead VNRC activities and Red Cross movement at grassroots level effectively for excellent accomplishment of the entire VNRC tasks of 2017.

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- Mr. Nguyen Thien Nhan - Member of Vietnam Politburo, Chairman of VFF central committee (for reporting);
- Ms. Truong Thi Mai - Member of Vietnam Politburo, Head of Mass mobilisation commission (for reporting);
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- Mass mobilisation commission, Central Organization Commission, Central propaganda and training commission; Central Inspection Committee, Commission for Foreign Relations of the Party Central Committee
- VFF Central Committee;
- Ministry of Home affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Investment and Planning, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development, Ministry of Education and Training;
- Central Committee for Emulation and Commendation;
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