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Workshop 5

**Improving our Combined Output by Fostering Collective
Responsibility and Partnerships**

Concept paper

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WORKSHOP 5

Improving our combined output by fostering collective responsibility and partnerships

Objective/Rationale/Expected outcomes

The workshop attempts to address the different perspectives of responsibility and partnerships. It aims at discussing collective responsibility in practical terms, especially tackling issues of efficiency and effectiveness in our actions, as well as transparency and accountability towards our beneficiaries. Hence, the workshop will look at attitudes and behaviours in partnerships and in this way will contribute to ensure that our mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering is achieved.

Also, the workshop will further define the implementation framework of the Code for Good Partnership of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (CfGP).

Organising - co-sponsoring NS's

Organizing: Netherlands Red Cross

Co-Sponsoring: British RC, Colombian RC, Mozambique RC, Indonesian RC (PMI), Finnish Red Cross, Swedish RC, ICRC and IFRC

Chairs, rapporteurs and speakers

- To be determined
- An outside speaker anticipated

Guiding questions

- What are the characteristics of collective responsibility towards beneficiaries? What is needed to ensure it, which are leadership issues, which are of a more operational nature?
- What is our mutual responsibility when partnering together?
- What specific steps can each of the Movement components take, individually and in partnership, to ensure the implementation of the Code, in order to improve the impact of our actions to those in need?

Background documents

- Resolution 3 COD 2007
- The Code for Good Partnership of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- CoD Resolution 2009 (assuming approved) + a short background paper on collective responsibility