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Object: SOLFERINO 2009 - Call for support

Annex: 1

Dear Friends and colleagues,

Solferino events' date is approaching very fast. As we get closer to the D-day, many details need to be arranged and human resources activated in order to make sure that such milestone anniversary will be an unforgettable memory for everyone who will be there. The setting up of the camp, i.e. dormitory tents, kitchens, canteens, administrative offices, sanitary and hygiene units, electrical and water system, IT installations, as well as preparations of the booths and exhibition areas and much more need human resources and expertises.

The Italian Red Cross has earlier committed to prepare the site calling to action its volunteers and very skilled technical staff. However, since the very beginning of the action in favour of the victims of the earthquake in Abruzzo on 6 April, the ITRC has been fully involved in the emergency response operation, deploying large part of both human and logistic resources to bring relief to the people affected by the earthquake, responding this way to the national emergency. More than 900 volunteers and specialized staff are working in the affected area providing medical assistance, general support, clothing, meals to the population and more. 109 vehicles, tents, medical facilities, canteens, mobile kitchens are some of the logistic items provided by the Italian RC. Some 2500 volunteers are on call ensuring timely support to their colleagues who need to be replaced after many days of exhausting non-stop humanitarian action. It is clear that the Italian RC will still be involved in the operation for the months to come.

In such difficult and challenging moment, when the Italian Red Cross has employed most of its resources elsewhere and it is currently unable to work in its full capacity in the logistic organization of Solferino 2009, **we count on Italy's nearest member societies for helping and supporting the preparation and running of the camp in Solferino.** We ask our friends not only to attend the Humanitarian Village and the Fiaccolata but to be active and fully engaged from the early stage of the event, "working as a Federation".

The Federation will be very grateful to all National Societies who will agree to bring logistic support to the Italian RC in Solferino in this challenging operational period. **Volunteers and staff** who can bring their energy and skills to Solferino will join the logistic unit in charge of the setting up and management of the camp so as to contribute to the organization of this unique Red Cross Red Crescent event. The support will be welcome from the very beginning of June, it will be crucial from **10 to 30 of June 2009.**



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We hope that your NS has the resources to cover the technical profiles listed in the attached document and you are interested in joining the Solferino 2009 team. If so, please email solferino2009@cri.it or call +39 0697844522-37 in order to explore together the best way and the procedures to ensure your support. Board and lodging will be provided free-of-charge.

Thanking you in advance for your support and looking forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

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AREAS In need of support	TASKS	PERIOD REQUESTED
ADMINISTRATIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ staff coordination▲ logistic procedures▲ wardrobe organization and laptop/battery recharging service▲ participants' registration▲ assigning accommodation to the participants▲ registration to workshops and activities▲ providing information on the camp and extra activities▲ camp announcements	15/06 - 28/06
SECURITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Humanitarian Village security▲ safety rule application control▲ evacuation plans control and application	20/06 - 28/06
COOKING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ canteen tables' setting-up▲ canteen's maintenance and cleaning-up	20/06 - 28/06
LOGISTICS and MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ tents arrangement and setting-up▲ camp setting-up and maintenance▲ camp cleaning services▲ warehouse organization and management	05/06 - 28/06
TRANSLATION ⁽¹⁾	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ linguistic facilitation to participants▲ translation of documents▲ assistance e interpreting services to leaders	15/06 - 28/06
COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ support to media officers and communication activities	20/06 - 28/06
GUIDED TOURS ⁽²⁾	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ showing around the International Museum of Red Cross and the village of Castiglione delle Stiviere	20/06 - 28/06

REQUIRED COMPETENCES:
(1) Translation skills: IT-EN, IT-GER, EN-SP, EN-AR, EN-FR;
(2) Must hold a high school diploma, good knowledge of International Humanitarian Law, good English skills and if possible of another language (French, German, Spanish). Must be able to speak before an audience.
TRAINING: all guides will be briefed on the history of Castiglione delle Stiviere, Henry Dunant and the battles of Solferino and San Martino on 20-21 June. We recommend that you become acquainted with these topics before you come to Solferino.