

French Fund Maurice de Madre

The Fund was established with assets bequeathed to the International Committee of the Red Cross in 1970 in accordance with the last wishes of Count Maurice de Madre. Its purpose is to help:

- staff members and volunteers who have suffered **injury** in the course of their work within the Movement
- staff members and volunteers suffering from an **illness** related to their work within the Movement
- families of staff members and volunteers who have **lost their lives** in the course of their work within the Movement.



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Editorial

Every day, staff and volunteers of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent risk their lives to save others. Their selflessness and unflinching determination have sadly resulted in 34 of these extraordinary people being killed since the conflict began in 2011.

In other countries, such as Pakistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, staff and volunteers of National Societies have also been targeted. Fortunately, not all attacks prove fatal.

We are more determined than ever to use the resources at our disposal to help the victims of such attacks, as well as their families. For example, Akhbar Khan*, who was shot while

working for the Pakistan Red Crescent, received treatment thanks to financial support from the Fund (see page 2).

Closer to home, I would like to thank Christiane Augsburger for the considerable time and effort she has put into making sure things worked smoothly during her time as the Board chairwoman; it has been a pleasure to work with her. And I am pleased to welcome her successor, Jacques Chapuis, also a member of the ICRC, who took up his duties as chairman on 1 January 2014.

Emmanuel Séité
Executive Secretary

(* Name changed to protect confidentiality.)

Surviving a serious attack

In September 2012, Mr Khan, a 28-year-old employee of the Pakistan Red Crescent, was attacked by armed men while carrying out humanitarian work.

He was shot seven times, including in the intestines and shoulder. Mr Khan's family had to borrow money to pay for the emergency operation that he needed to survive.

Through the ICRC delegation in Islamabad, the Pakistan Red Crescent contacted the Fund to see if we could help Mr Khan repay the debt and pay for a second operation.

The request met all our criteria and was granted. Today Mr Khan, whose prospects only a few months ago were questionable, is back working for the Red Crescent and – as he says himself – almost back to normal.

Individual help

The Fund can be a real lifeline for Movement staff and volunteers who are not covered by social security and are injured or wounded while carrying out their duties – and a source of support for their family if they are killed.

Conditions vary from country to country, and every situation is unique. In most cases, therefore, our help is tailored to the individual, with grants ranging from the costs of

medical treatment to funding income-generating projects.

For requests to be dealt with as quickly as possible, it is very important that forms applying for grants are filled in carefully and in detail. Please provide details about the family and their income and as much relevant information as possible about why the request is being made.

The Board can decide

whether to grant the request, and how much to award if granted, only once it has this information.

ICRC cooperation delegates are well acquainted with how the Fund works and can help staff from National Societies to fill in the forms. They will then become your main contacts with regard to the Board's decisions.

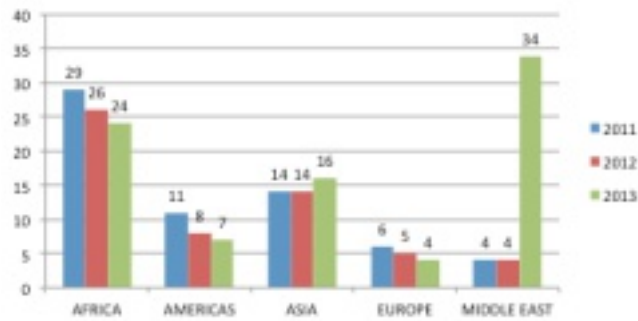
A few figures (2011-2013)

As in previous years, the FFMM Secretariat's work between 2011 and 2013 consisted mainly in following up cases from previous years (31 in 2011, 37 in 2012, 49 in 2013); examining new requests (23 in 2011, 19 in 2012, 36 in 2013) and submitting them, together with a proposed grant, to the Board for decision; and, finally, ensuring that those decisions were implemented through the delegations.

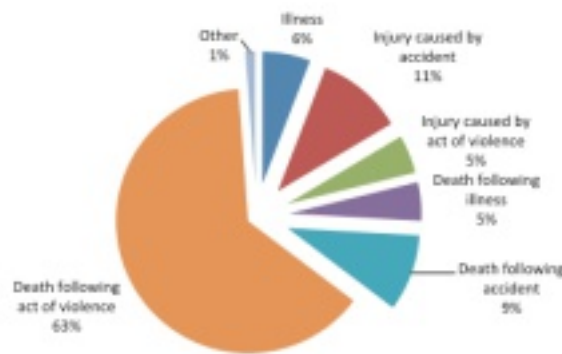
Statistics for requests processed between 2011 and 2013 show an upsurge in deaths and injuries from acts of violence, totalling nearly 70%. This absence of security for humanitarian workers is deeply worrying.

The situation in Syria alone has had a considerable impact on the Fund, with requests from Syria accounting for nearly 75% of all requests made in 2013. However, this is in large part because requests for people affected in 2011 and 2012 did not reach us until 2013.

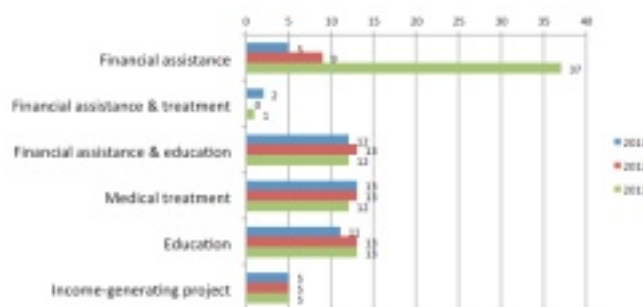
No. of requests by geographical area (2011-2013)



Reason for request in 2013



Purpose for request (2011-2013)



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FROM 1975 TO 2013, THE FFMM

- dealt with 567 requests
- handled 872 individual cases
- helped 2'274 people
- awarded 3,717,592 Swiss francs in grants



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