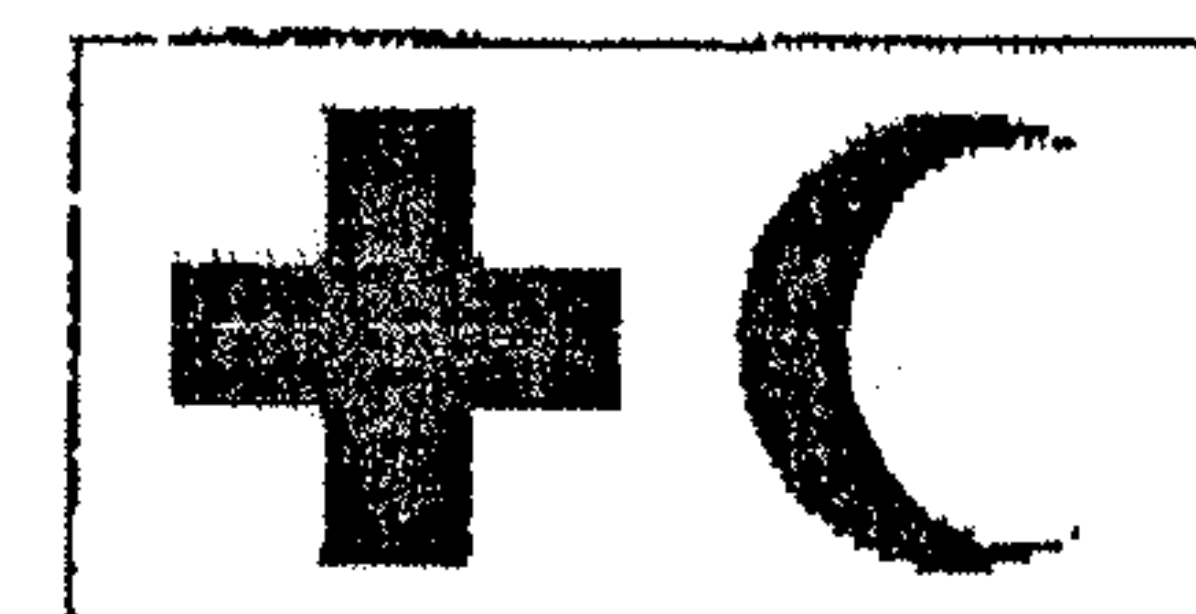




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30'000 mosquito nets, 30'000 white carrier bags and 2'400 l. of insecticide will be donated by the International Federation and the Cambodian Red Cross to the Ministry of Health National Malaria Centre on 27 December 2000 for malaria prevention

The Cambodia Delegation of the International Federation and the Cambodian Red Cross will make a contribution in 2000 to malaria prevention in Cambodia through the Ministry of Health National Malaria Control program by providing 30'000 mosquito nets, 30'000 white carrier bags for the bednet beneficiaries and 2'400 litres of insecticide (K-Othrine 1% SC). The value of this donation is US\$ 136'800.00 and a small hand-over ceremony will be held at the **Cambodian Red Cross OBK warehouse at 3:00 pm on 27 December 2000.**

This is the second donation from the Red Cross to the National Malaria Centre in 2000. The first contribution on 18 August 2000 was a provision of 30'000 mosquito nets, 30'000 white carrier bags and 5'000 litres of insecticide (K-Othrine 1%SC - total value US\$ 152'000.00).

Today's donation is part of the Federation/CRC 9-month flood emergency operation launched on 13 September 2000 for US\$ 3.5 million. The Federation donors for this donation are the **European Community Humanitarian Office [ECHO]** for mosquito nets and carrier bags and **ECHO and the Australian Government via the Australian Red Cross** for the insecticide.

In addition to this donation, the International Federation has assisted the Cambodian Red Cross during the flood operation to procure and distribute 16'000 emergency household kits including 21 essential household items. All these kits include 2 impregnated mosquito nets (total 32'000 bednets). The Federation has also assisted CRC to procure an additional 20'000 mosquito nets which have been impregnated and distributed to flood victims in various provinces.

In total, the International Federation/CRC has contributed to malaria prevention in Cambodia by donating and/or distributing a total of **112'000 mosquito nets, 112'000 white carrier bags for the bednets and 9'480 litres of insecticide (K-Othrine 1%SC) in 2000**, which exceeds the original request (75'000 mosquito nets, 9'000 litres of insecticide) from the National Malaria Centre to the Red Cross this year.

An additional one million tablets of Artesunate 50 mg for malaria treatment will also be donated by the Red Cross to the Ministry of Health early next year.

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