

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

AN APPEAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE LEAGUE

For the Benefit of Displaced Persons in Cambodia

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies issued on 8 June 1970 a joint appeal on behalf of 165,000 displaced persons in Cambodia.

The appeal was sent to all National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies, at the request of the Cambodian Red Cross, and was based on a survey made by a joint League-ICRC mission to Cambodia.

It states that some 75,000 Cambodians who have had to leave their homes, and 90,000 Vietnamese awaiting transfer to their country of origin, are in a difficult situation which is likely to worsen with the approach of the monsoon.

The Cambodian Red Cross has launched a relief operation for these displaced persons. For this action, it urgently requires: rice, dried fish, salt, condensed milk, sugar, canvas for tents, or tarpaulins, sleeping mats, cotton blankets, mosquito nets, clothing or cotton yarn goods, vehicles, medicaments and medical supplies listed by an ICRC medical expert, and cash for local purchase of relief supplies

The ICRC has made contact with the authorities of the opposing forces offering similar Red Cross assistance.

By June 1970 cash donations totalled 13,131 dollars and the value of donations in kind amounted to more than two million dollars.