

Co-operation with voluntary organizations in the area of well-being and security

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Different actors look at the security from different angles:







- In Finland the work of voluntary organizations have often the same elements that lay the foundation for the Internal Security Programme
 - smoothly functioning basic services,
 - prevention of poverty and social exclusion,
 - education services that support well-being,
 - taking care of young people and the elderly, and
 - the security and safety of our environment.



Benefits of voluntary organizations:

- Voluntary organizations are representing the community members.
- Volunteer organizations respond quickly and meet the needs of the community.
- Actions are taken before, during and after disasters or accidents occur.
- Cost-benefit is excellent:
 - Annual work of 500 000 volunteers is equal with 21 000 employed persons (Research on the impact of NGO's, 2012; Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health)



- Voluntary organizations have a community based approach. This can be used:
 - to activate existing programmes,
 - to advocate for safety and well-being,
 - to promote own actions from the community,
 - to increase co-operation between organizations.
- Contribution to sustainable development is through strengthening community resilience

How is the Finnish Red Cross involved in the Internal Security Programme?



- FRC participates in the planning and implementing process at all levels (national, regional and local).
- Finnish Red Cross districts take part of the security plan of Regional State Administrative Agencies.

Finnish Red Cross existing programmes support the Internal Security Programme









Special projects 2011-2014

Safety and security in sparsely populated areas;
 Lapland, Satakunta and Savo-Karjala





Aim of the projects:

- Increase people's own coping mechanisms and abilities to help each other, especially in sparsely populated areas.
- Create operating models to support the authorities in various kind of emergency situations.
- Increase the cooperation between local voluntary organizations, and especially with village associations.
- ->Locally led actions that build the resilience of the community.

Actions taken:



- Risk assessments
- Analysis of local needs in co-operation with the authorities, community members and civil society organizations.
- Creation of operating models for communities and schools to provide help in emergencies
- Monitoring the safety and security as well as wellbeing in the communities

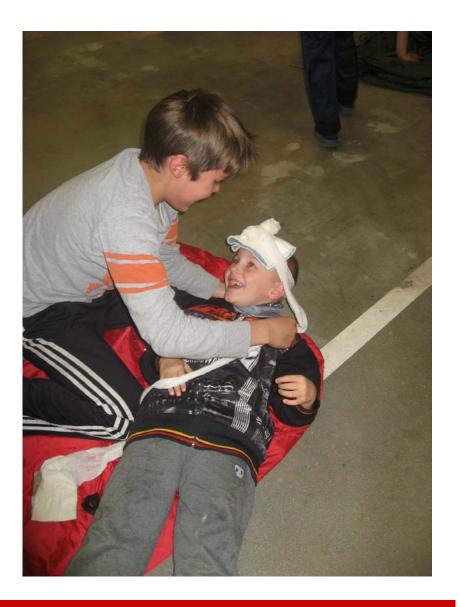


- Village safety and security events
 - How to act in emergencies
 - Develop a volunteer alert system for the village
 - Refine the safety plans in the villages
- Exercise and training events
 - first aid
 - psychosocial support
 - fire drills
 - use of GPS









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- Training day about safety at home; " Is everything all right?" Target group elderly people.
- Development of a safety card for homes and communities



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Joint activities!





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Co-operation needs:

- Good relationships and trust
- Respecting each other, and not to forget the wellbeing of volunteers.
- Agreements on roles and responsibilities between actors
- Sharing of knowledge
- Joint trainings, activities and exercises.

Impact comes into existence only through joint efforts!

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Thank you!



