



Danish Red Cross

1986 - 1990

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Denmark

Foundation

Danish Red Cross was founded on 27 April 1876 with the designation "The committee for improvement of the conditions of sick and wounded during war". The Committee was approved by the Danish government on 26 June 1876 and the same year recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross. In 1881 the name of the Committee was altered to "Red Cross" and in 1917 to the "Danish Red Cross" on which occasion a genuine organization was founded. Denmark ratified the First Geneva Convention on 15 December 1864.

Purpose

Danish Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and since 1919 a member of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Danish Red Cross has a duty to contribute to the dissemination of the knowledge of the Geneva Conventions and the Red Cross principles.

Danish Red Cross undertakes duties regarding humanitarian tasks, educational training and national preparedness, where voluntary assistance is needed and advisable - either in own capacity or in cooperation with Danish authorities or voluntary services.

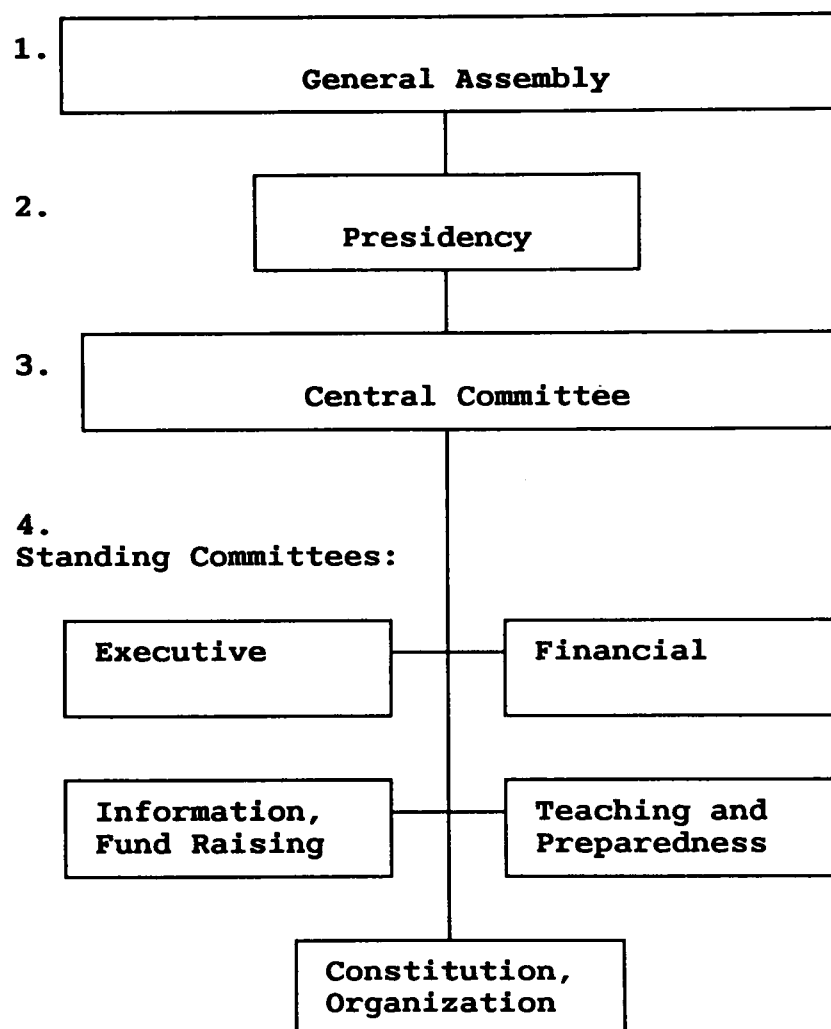
Patroness

Her Majesty Queen Ingrid is Patroness of the Danish Red Cross.

Commissioner

His Royal Highness the Prince Consort is Commissioner of the Danish Red Cross.

The governing bodies of Danish Red Cross:



1. The highest authority of Danish Red Cross is the General Assembly, which convenes biannually and is open for representatives from all branches and for the Central Committee. Total number of participants appr. 350.

2. The Presidency covers the President and the three Vice-Presidents. The Presidency consists of:

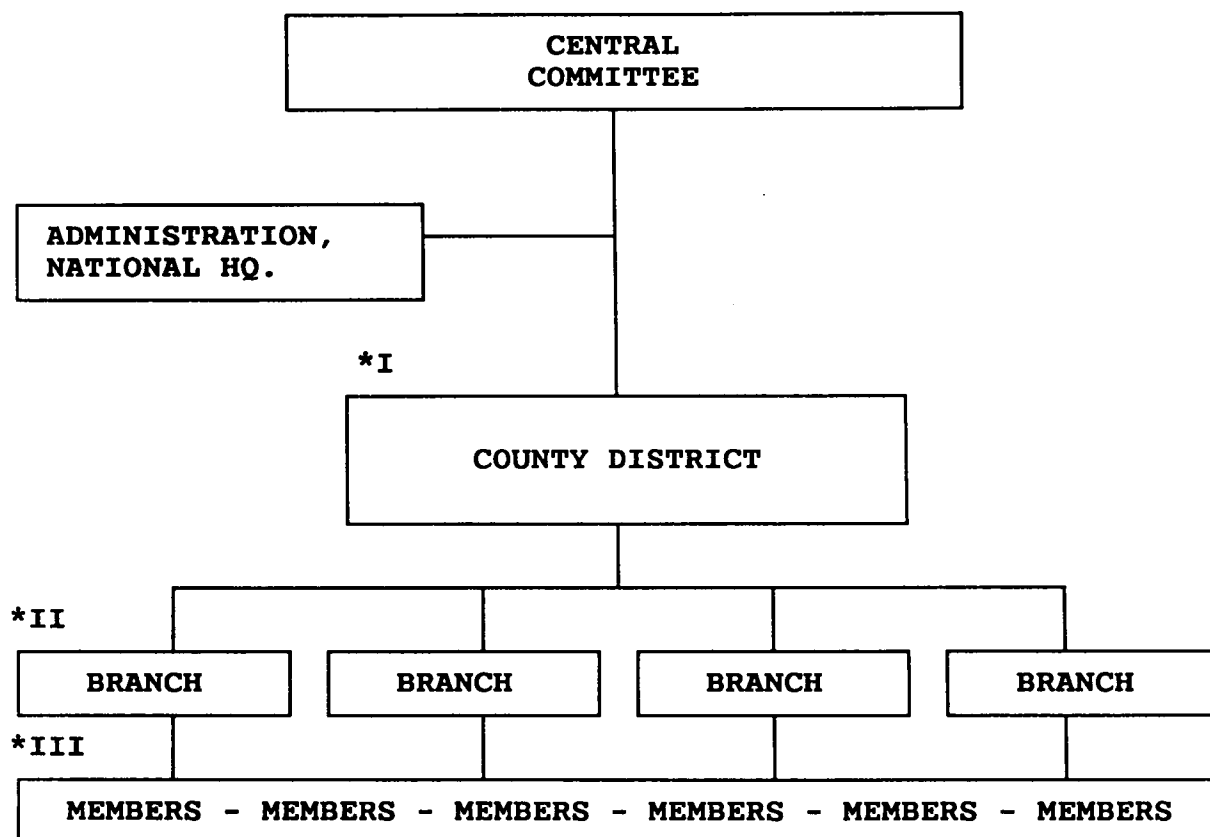
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| President: | Mr. Francis Zachariae, Professor, M.D. |
| 1st Vice-President: | Mr. Freddy Karup Pedersen, M.D. |
| Vice-President: | Mr. Erik Larsen, Chairman of county district committee |
| Vice-President: | Mr. A. P. Tage, Chairman of local branch and member of county district committee. |

3. The activities of Danish Red Cross are directed by the Central Committee. The Committee consists of 45 members, primarily elected by the county district committees. Furthermore a number of members are elected by the Central Committee in special consideration of their expertise. The period of election covers 4 years. The meetings of the Central Committee are chaired by the President.
4. The Central Committee has appointed a number of Standing Sub-Committees in special consideration of their fields of activity. The most essential Committee is the Executive Committee, comprising 16 members.

In 1991 all activities in connection with physical and psychological first aid, health etc. have been gathered in the newly established "Centre for First Aid and Health Promotion" under Danish Red Cross.



The Danish Red Cross Organization



I. County Districts

Since 1970 Danish Red Cross has adjusted its organization to the public administrative structure. The county districts have geographically been adjusted to the public counties, whereas the local branches are geographically divided according to the municipalities.

Danish Red Cross has 14 county districts, and as the Copenhagen branch, the branch in the Faroe Islands and the branch in Greenland have county district status, the total number of districts is 17. The county district is managed by a committee elected by the branches within the district. The county district is in charge of coordinating and supporting the activities of the local branches.

II Branches

The total number of branches is 247. The branch committee is responsible for all Red Cross activities in the territory, recruitment of and service to members, fund raising as well as social and educational activities including First Aid training.

III Members

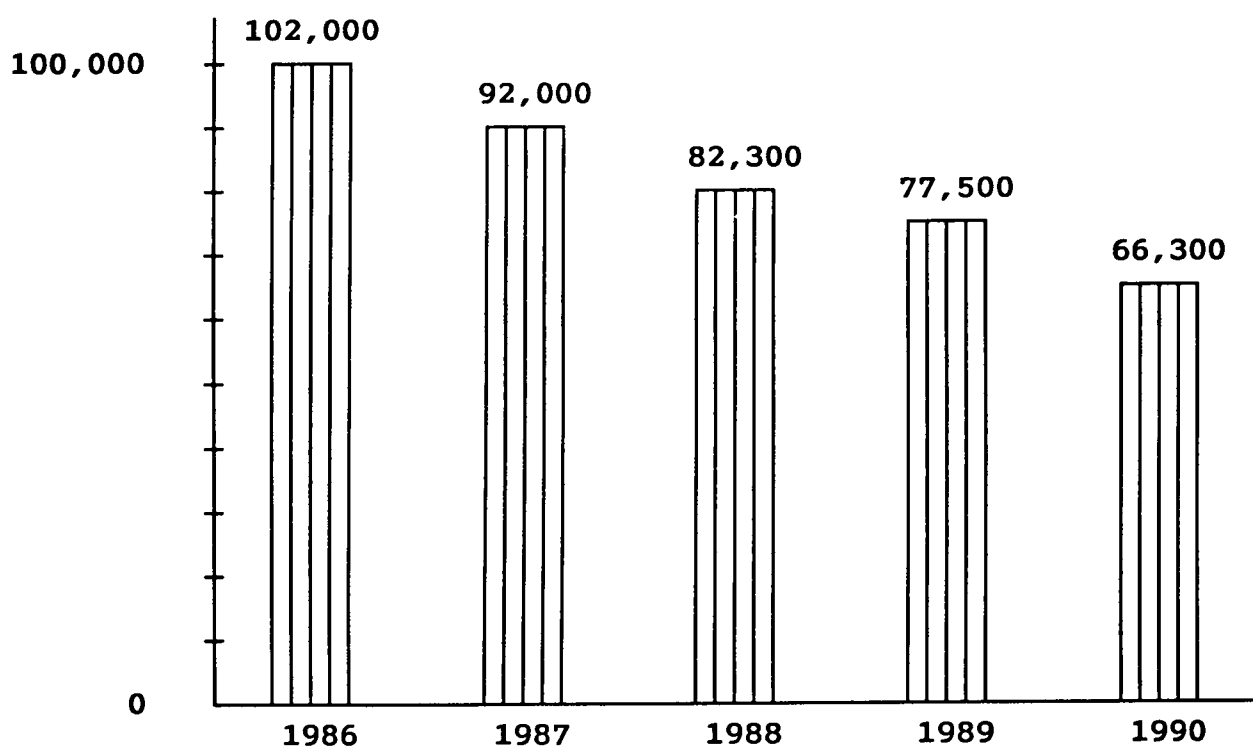
The organization is based on the idea of membership. The members form the basis of the organization, which is run according to democratic principles. The members are attached to the individual local branches. Annual subscription for single members is Dkr. 75 (=16.60 Sfr.), and for families Dkr. 125,- (=27.75 Sfr.)

Danish Red Cross receives current financial support from appr. 32,000 permanent contributors and more than 1,000 companies, firms etc.

Number of Members

The total number of Danish Red Cross members amounted to 102,000 at the end of 1986. At the end of 1990 the number of members had decreased to 66,300. Plans have been made for a number of member recruitment initiatives in 1992, in which all branches will, hopefully, participate. The members are distributed on the 247 branches, five of which are situated in Greenland and one in the Faroe Islands.

The below figure shows the development in number of members in 1986-1990:

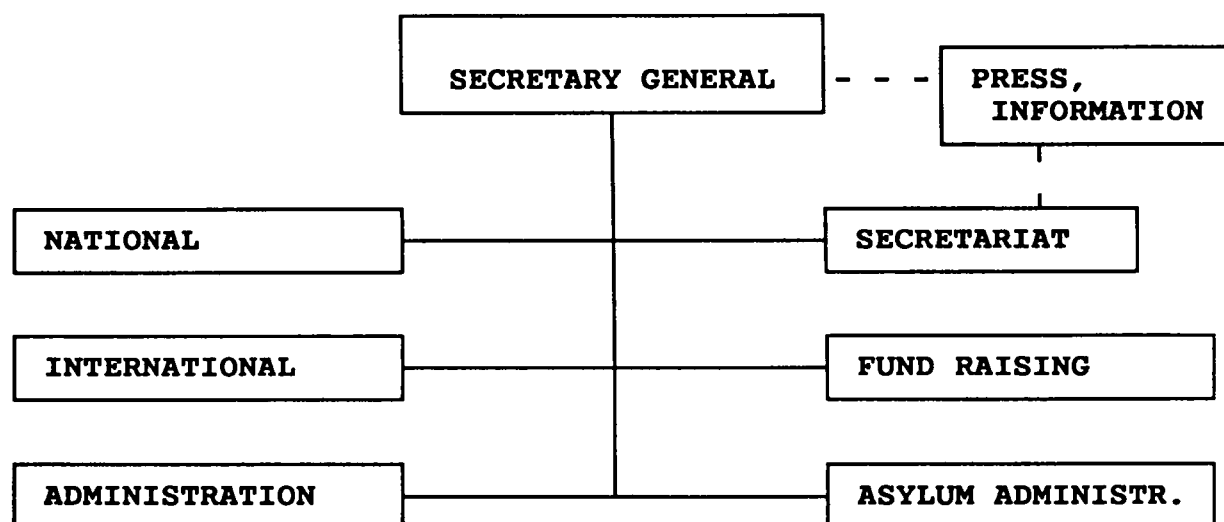


National Headquarters

The national and international activities are directed by the national headquarters in Copenhagen. The Secretary General is responsible to the Central Committee for the administration. The President of Danish Red Cross controls the activities of the national headquarters on behalf of the Central Committee.

The total number of employees at the national headquarters is appr. 130.

The structure of the national headquarters is as follows:



The individual departments are managed by:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Secretary General: | Mr. Eigil Pedersen |
| Secretariat: | Mr. Poul Jul Andersen |
| National Dept.: | Mr. Preben Søgaard Hansen |
| International Dept.: | Mr. Troels Mikkelsen (acting) |
| Fund Raising: | Mr. Hans Hermansen |
| Asylum Administration: | Mr. Jørgen Chemnitz |
| Administration Dept.: | Mr. Michael Hansen |

Economy

The activities of Danish Red Cross are mainly financed through fund raising and State and EEC contributions. To this must be added income from own productions and sale of articles, external training activities, institutions and financing.

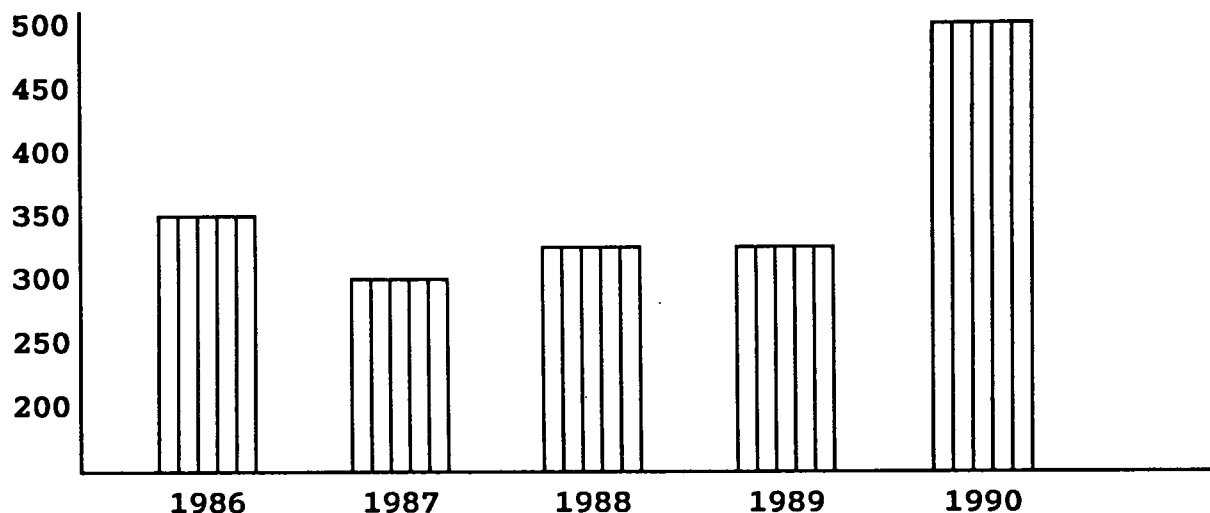
The below illustration shows the distribution of net incomes in 1989 and 1990: (Dkr.).

| Net incomes: (1,000 Dkr) | 1989 | | 1990 | |
|--|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | % | | % |
| State contribution conc. asylum adm. ... | 128,000 | 39.9 | 221,000 | 45 |
| State contributions conc. international activities | 101,000 | 31.6 | 150,000 | 30.6 |
| Other contributions | 32,000 | 10.1 | 44,000 | 9 |
| Fund raising | 40,000 | 12.4 | 40,000 | 8.1 |
| Sales activity, institutions..... | 13,000 | 3.9 | 3,000 | 0.6 |
| Interest | 7,000 | 2.1 | 9,000 | 1.8 |
| Miscellaneous and transfers | | | 24,000 | 4.9 |
| | 321,000 | 100.0 | 491,000 | 100.0 |
| Amount in SFr (1,000) SFr 1 = Dkr 4.50 | 71,000 | | 109,000 | |
| | ***** | | | |

During the last number of years there has been a distinct increase of incomes which is clearly seen from the following illustration:

Danish Red Cross - annual turnovers 1986 - 1990.

Million Dkr.



Specification of a total expense of Dkr 491,000,000 in 1990:

Asylum administration

International assistance
and development projects

National activities

Fund raising

Production of articles,
institutions

Information

Administration

Financing

***** 45%

***** 40%

** 2.8%

*** 3.7%

** 2.8%

* 0.4%

*** 4.5%

* 0.5%

Net Result

* 0.3%

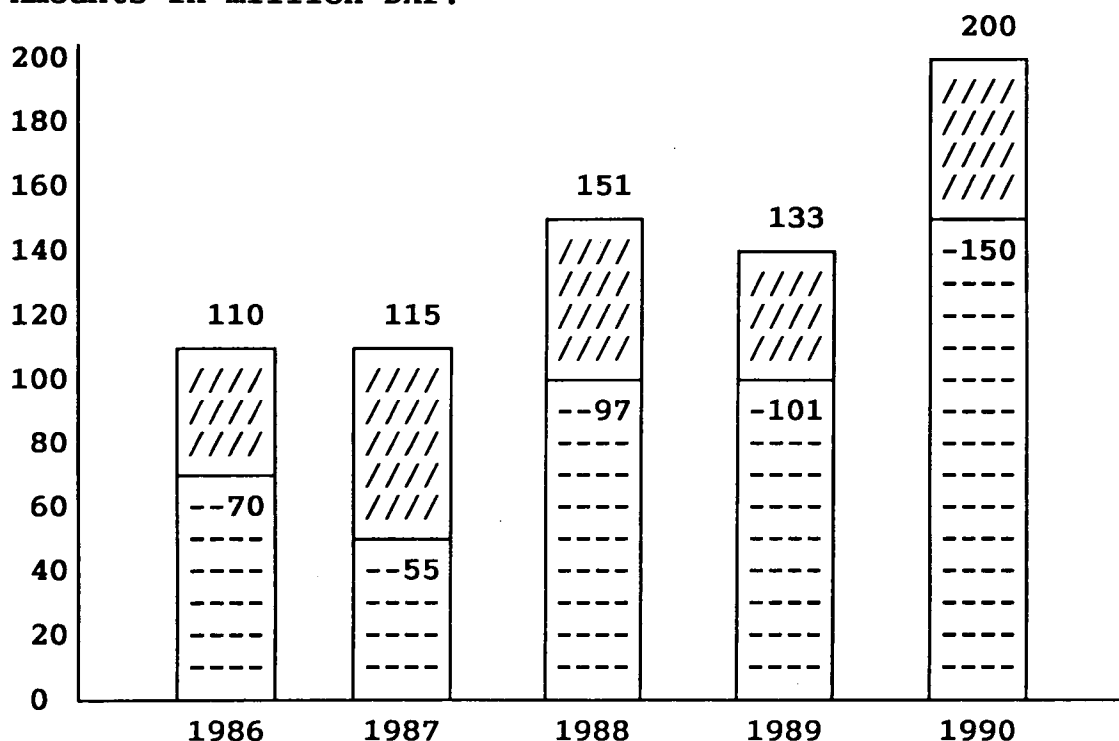
When leaving out of account the expenses in connection with the asylum administration and activity, which are covered in full by the Danish State, the expenses in percentage distribute themselves as follows:

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|---|-----------|
| International activities | ***** 74% |
| National activities | ***** 5% |
| Fund raising, information | ***** 7% |
| Production of Articles, institutions | ***** 5% |
| Administration etc. | ***** 9% |

International Relief Operations

A substantial part of Danish Red Cross' rise of turnover during the last few years is caused by a steady increase of international engagements. The following figure illustrates the development:

Amounts in million Dkr.

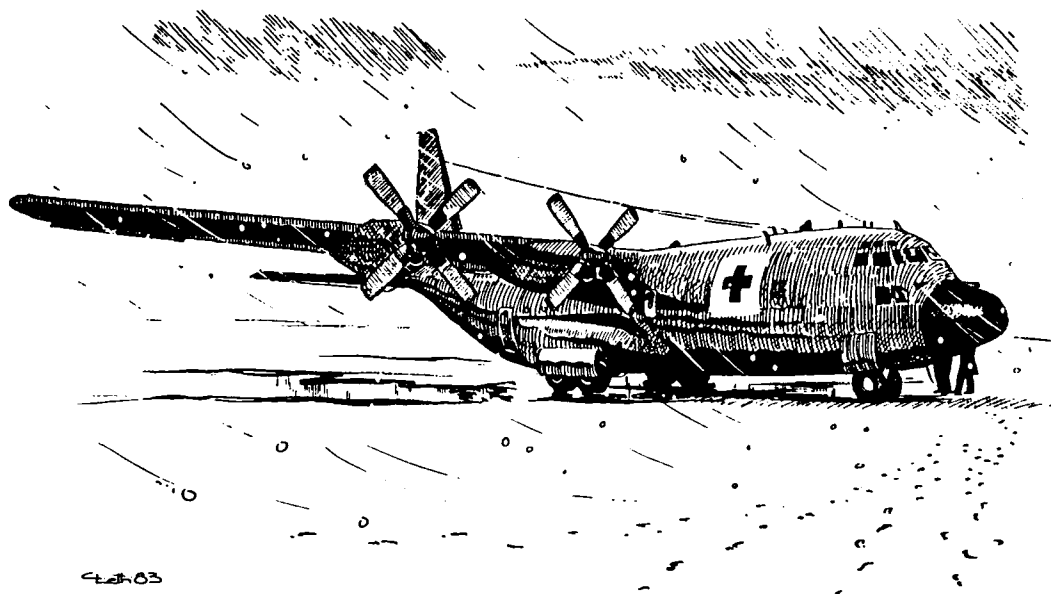


The figures in the columns indicate the amounts granted by the Danish state for international tasks.

In 1990 Danish Red Cross spent totally 44.4 mill. Sfr. on international activities. State contributions amounted to 33.3 mill. against 22.4 mill. Sfr. the year before. The largest amounts of state contributions were granted for the International Committee of the Red Cross' (ICRC's) relief programmes (8.0 mill. Sfr.), for operations through the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Companies (4.1 mill. Sfr.), for conflict victims in Romania (1.8 mill. Sfr.), for the extensive medicine supply project in Uganda (8.4 mill. Sfr.) and for the cattle vaccination programme which Danish Red Cross carries out in cooperation with ICRC in South Sudan (in all 2.0 mill. Sfr.).

The relief work distributes 11.8 mill. Sfr. to victims of conflicts and war, 12 mill. Sfr. to relief work in connection with natural disasters and 14.9 mill. Sfr. for development projects and disaster preventive activities. In the international field a high degree of professionalism has been achieved during the last few years. There is a remark-

able increase in the amount of means used for international purposes in 1990, and an increase of quality has characterized the work, which is often emphasized by the international co-partners. Danish Red Cross enjoys a good international reputation which must be maintained by continued efforts to increase the level of the relief work.



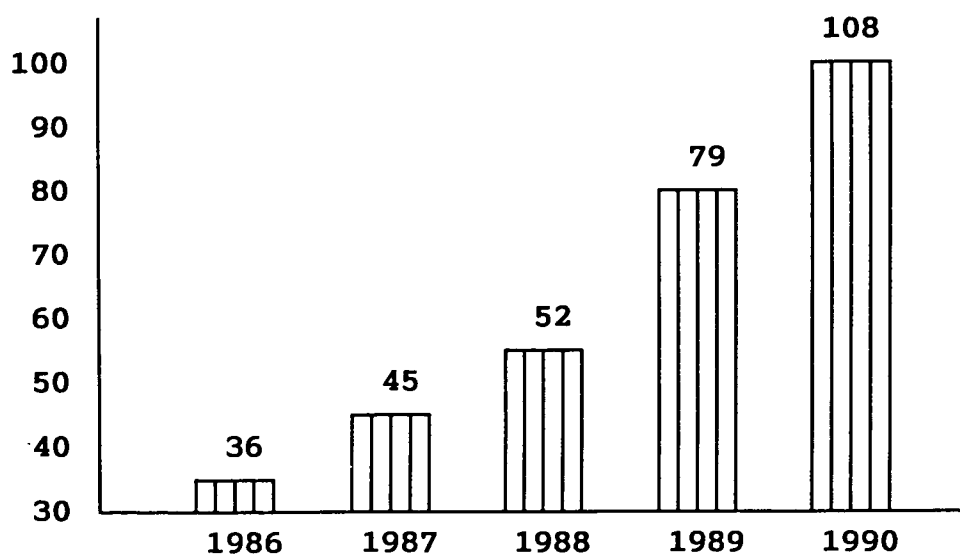
Among the countries receiving Danish Red Cross' disaster relief and relief to victims of conflicts i 1990 are: Malawi, Romania, Sudan, Iran and Iraq, the Philippines, Armenia, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka and the Middle East. Disaster relief has been rendered to in all 32 countries, 14 of which are situated in Africa and 6 in Asia. The remaining assistance is dispensed to 12 countries in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. In 1990 totally 108 delegates were sent out for international tasks (against 79 in 1989). Out of these delegates 57 were placed at the disposal of the International Committee of the Red Cross. As in previous years, nurses formed the major part - in all 23 - while the second largest group consisted of 17 relief administrators. The delegates were sent to 23 different countries. In the number of delegates sent out are not included 42 short-term consultants and advisers.



Delegates sent out by Danish Red Cross in 1990:

| | League | ICRC | Total |
|---|--------|------|------------|
| Chief Delegate | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Head of Delegation | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Head of Subdelegation | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Relief Administrator | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Medical Coordinator | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Nutritionist | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Medical Doctor | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Surgeon | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Anaesthetist | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Medical Administrator | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Medical Stock Manager | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Nurse | 2 | 21 | 23 |
| Physiotherapist | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vehicle Workshop Manager | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Technical Delegate | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Laboratory Technician | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Veterinarian | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Convoyer | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Information delegate | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | 27 | 57 | 84 |
| Through the EEC | | | 1 |
| Bilateral | | | 23 |
| | | | <u>108</u> |
| which is exclusive of 42 short-term consultants | | | |

The below figure shows the development in the number of delegates from Danish Red Cross in 1986-1990:



As previously mentioned about 14.9 mill. Sfr. were spent on development projects and disaster preventive initiatives. Danish Red Cross works actively with disaster prevention in several African countries. One of the main cooperating countries is Malawi where support is given to education of voluntary health workers and to preventive health work in six districts. Substantial support is also extended to Uganda where the nation-wide medicine supply project is being continued, and where, furthermore, assistance is being rendered for disaster preventive work through the establishment of workshop and storage facilities. During the years to come considerable amounts will be spent in Ethiopia for the establishment of provincial pharmacies as well as regional development and catastrophe preparedness. Experiences gained from the medicine project in Uganda form the basis of the pharmacy project in Ethiopia. The project will be carried through in the years up to 1993 and is financed by DANIDA, the Danish International Development Agency, and the Ethiopian Red Cross. In Sudan environment and water projects are supported, but the most comprehensive relief activity is cattle vaccination in the southern part of the country at totally 2 mill. Sfr. As previously mentioned DANIDA supports the project which is carried out by Danish Red Cross in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross. It is the first time that this form of assistance is being extended, but it is evident that if the plan succeeds and the cattle is saved, there will be good opportunities for the population to lead a normal life, and the need for relief assistance will be far less. AIDS prevention is managed in Zimbabwe, and especially in Tanzania where an integrated project at 2.6 mill. Sfr. is being continued in 1991.

The comprehensive maternal programme in Bagladesh is being continued. It is financed by DANIDA with about 5.6 mill. Sfr. and involves the establishment and running of clinics and a hospital. To the hospital is attached an educational institute. In Nepal Danish Red Cross is still involved in a health project, consisting of training of and support to voluntary health workers as well as support to two health centres. The project is being continued in 1991. In the Philippines the work with the establishment of nation-wide disaster preparedness, which is urgently needed, has been started in 1990. Danish Red Cross assists in obtaining communication equipment, establishing storage capacity, and providing education.

Although no actual campaign was started for the benefit of the victims of the violent earthquake in Armenia in December 1988, it proved possible to obtain large contributions from the population. In all 1.5 mill. Sfr. were collected for the purpose, which was due not only to the thorough press coverage of the catastrophe and the Red Cross assistance, but also to the fact that many Danes wanted to express their solidarity with the Armenian population. In addition to the immediate disaster relief from Danish Red Cross at a value of about 0.6 mill. Sfr., an amount of about 2 mill. Sfr. was reserved for rebuilding purposes in the affected areas in 1990-1991. This was made possible by a contribution from

DANIDA of 1.5 mill. Sfr. The relief comprises support to the establishment of health clinics and a rehabilitation centre as well as delivery of supplies for the building industry and delivery of hospital equipment. Danish Red Cross has co-operated with the German Red Cross as far as some of the programmes are concerned.

The drastic events in Romania of December 1989 put public pressure on Danish Red Cross to begin immediate fund raising. The acute emergency phase was terminated by 1 February 1990. The substantial relief from Danish Red Cross was among the first to arrive. It consisted of medicine and surgical dressing material, delegates, medical staff, vehicles, and clothes. In continuation of the emergency phase Danish Red Cross has accepted the responsibility to assist in the long-term relief work in Romania to the end of 1991. Delegations have paid visits to a region in western Romania, the Banat region, where the Danish assistance has been concentrated. The delegations found that the most serious problem is the situation for the vulnerable groups in the institutions, where there is a need for equipment and new methods of treatment and education. Many orphans and handicapped as well as old people live in these institutions under miserable conditions. In 1990 Danish Red Cross spent about 0.7 mill. Sfr. from the collection of money for the purchase and delivery of various types of equipment and for education, and subsequently an additional amount of about 2.2 mill. Sfr. was granted for training and reconstruction purposes. The training of nurses and other groups of personnel is taking place in Romania as well as in Denmark. In cooperation with the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies the Danish training programme for personnel in the Romanian institutions is being carried through all over the country. A Danish delegation will be stationed in Romania throughout the year of 1991.



Representation in International Commissions and Working Groups

International Fact-Finding Commission:

**Mr. Francis Zachariae,
Professor, M.D.**

**Development Commission (League)
(Vice-Chairman):**

**Mr. Eigil Pedersen,
Secretary General**

**Working Group for the Evaluation
of the Strategic Work Plan
for the Nineties:**

**Mr. Eigil Pedersen,
Secretary General**

**Advisory Council for the
Study on the Future Role of the
Red Cross in Latin America:**

**Mr. Eigil Pedersen,
Secretary General**

**REDTAG - Red Cross, Red Crescent
Transitional Assistance Group:**

**Mr. Eigil Pedersen,
Secretary General**

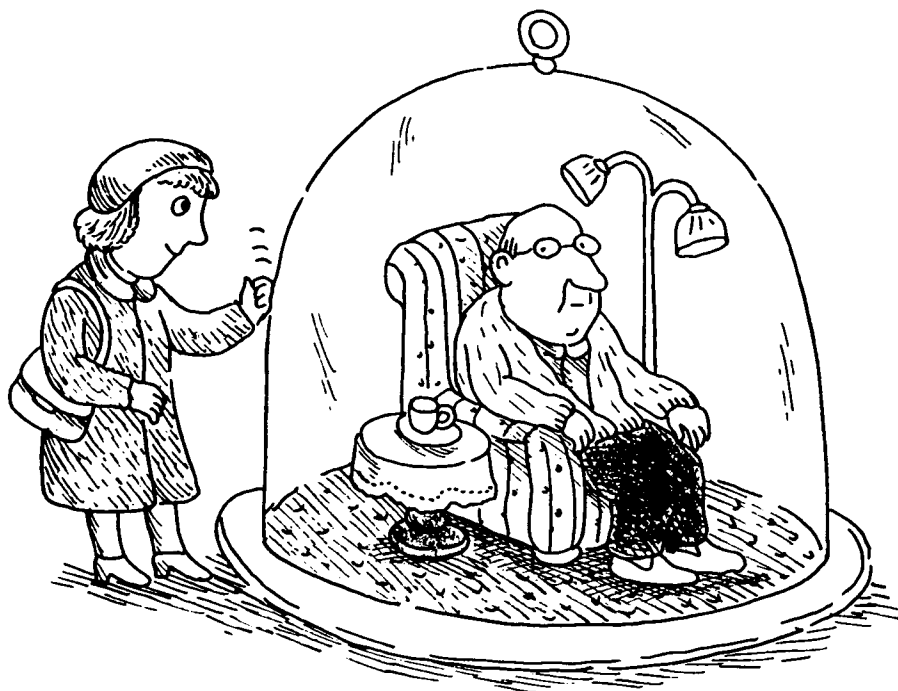
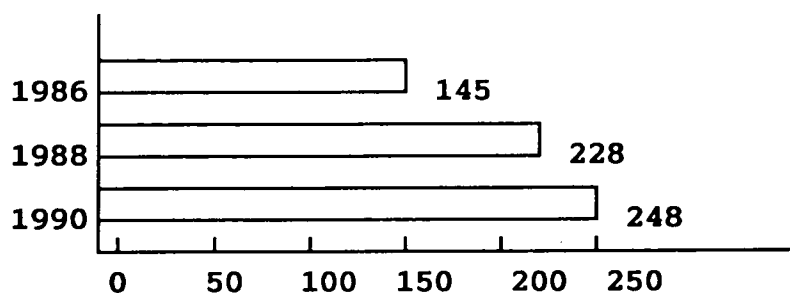


National Activities

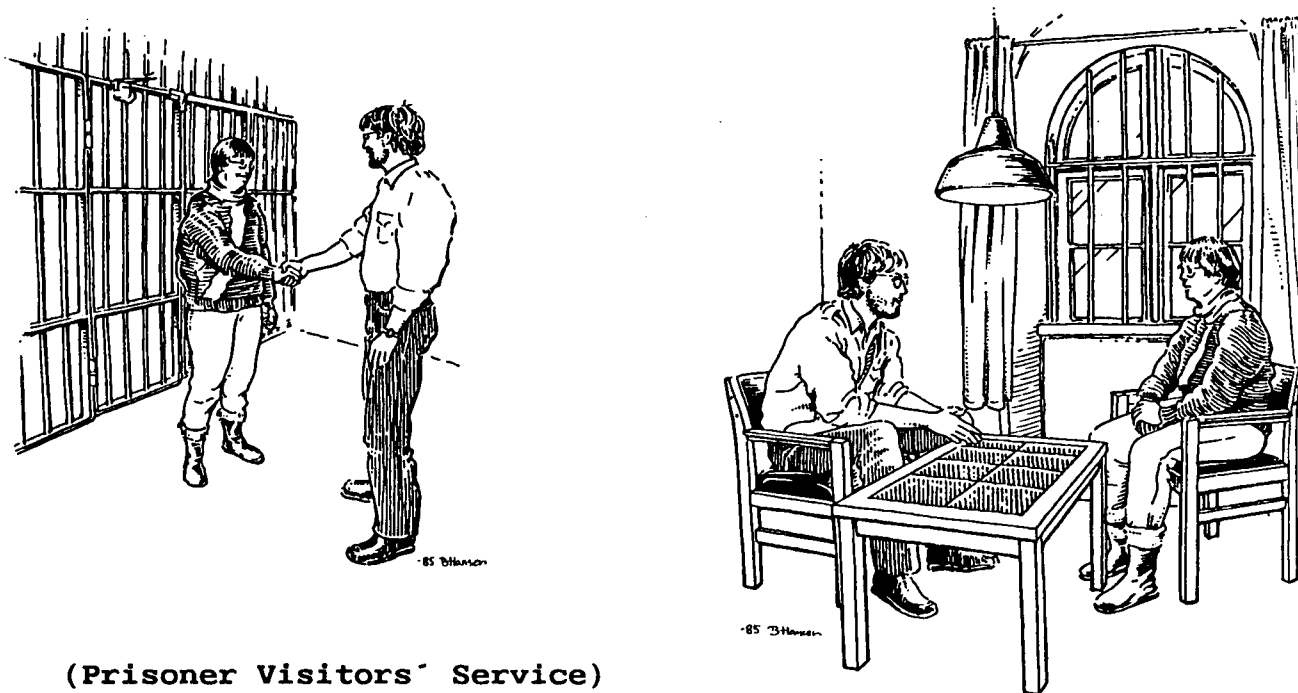
In 1990 the Danish Red Cross' expenses for the national work amounted to appr. 52 mill. Sfr., with activities comprising the central education and preparedness committee, first-aid, social activities, the Red Cross Youth, organizing work and asylum administration. Danish Red Cross employs six organization consultants, who are stationed in different parts of the country and whose primary task is to assist and give advice to county districts and branches.

Visitors' service for elderly, handicapped or lonely people is still the predominant social activity, and more than 6,000 visitors have been registered in 237 visiting groups, organized in the local branches. There is still a great demand for visitors. In many branches there are waiting lists. In the Copenhagen branch, for instance, there is a demand for another 400-500 visitors.

Number of branches which have established visitors' service in the years 1986-1990:



To the prisoner visitors' service are attached 62 volunteers, 43 in the Copenhagen area. The number of sewing and needlework groups is now 170 with about 2,100 active participants. The groups make baby and children's clothes according to predesigned patterns. The clothes are collected, packed and sent to Red Cross societies in developing countries. Telephone chains exist in a number of 51. Such chains are established on a voluntary basis with the object of creating regular telephone connection with and between elderly and lonely people.



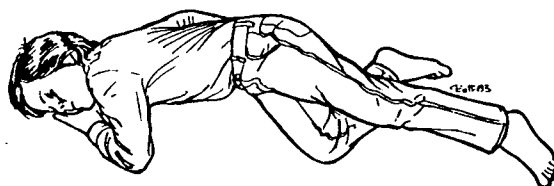
(Prisoner Visitors' Service)

A new initiative in the social field has been taken during 1989, i.e. the establishment of the "Here-and-Now-Contact", which is an assistance service appealing to people in crisis. A trial arrangement has been started in a single county with 20 volunteers attached. If satisfactory results are obtained, it is planned to make the arrangement nation-wide.

At present there are 146 registered instructors within nursing and hygiene, about 60 of whom have also been trained to teach first-aid.

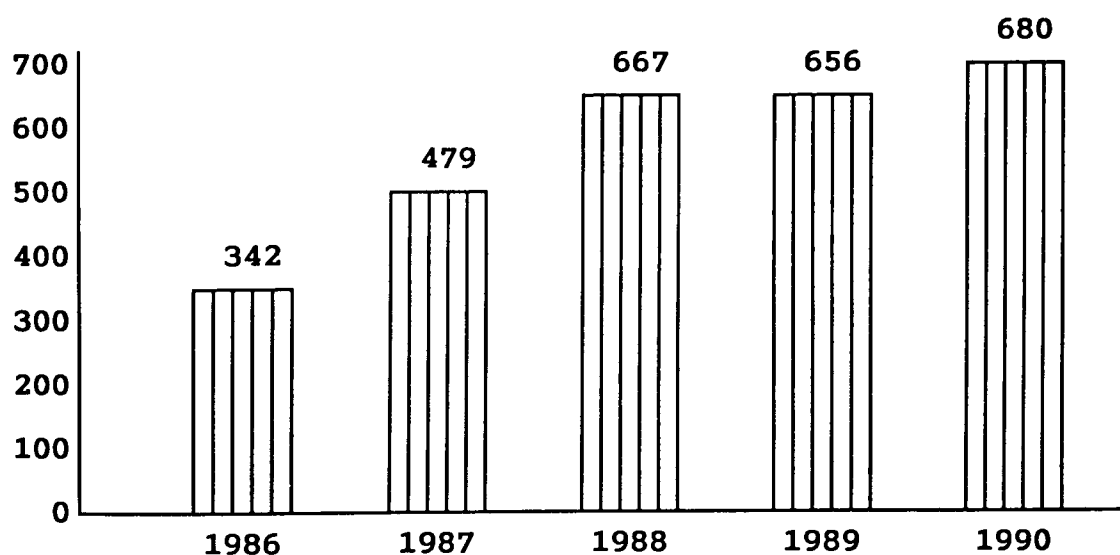
There are appr. 83 active first-aid groups with about 2,100 members. The time spent providing services amounted to about 52,000 hours in 1990. With regard to the training activity 1,225 courses were held in 1990 with 18.200 participants. As compared with 1989 the tendency is a clear reduction as far as the short first-aid course is concerned, a stabilization of the 12 hours' course and a substantial increase in the advanced course. The repetition courses show a reasonable increase. Nation-wide

there is, admittedly, a reduction in the total training activity of about 200 courses.



After an increase of the sale of course units to firms etc. from 39% during the period 1987 to 1988, it proved possible to maintain the market share in 1989 with a sale of 656 courses against 667 in 1988, and to increase the number to 680 in 1990. To Danish Red Cross the training activity represents considerable incomes.

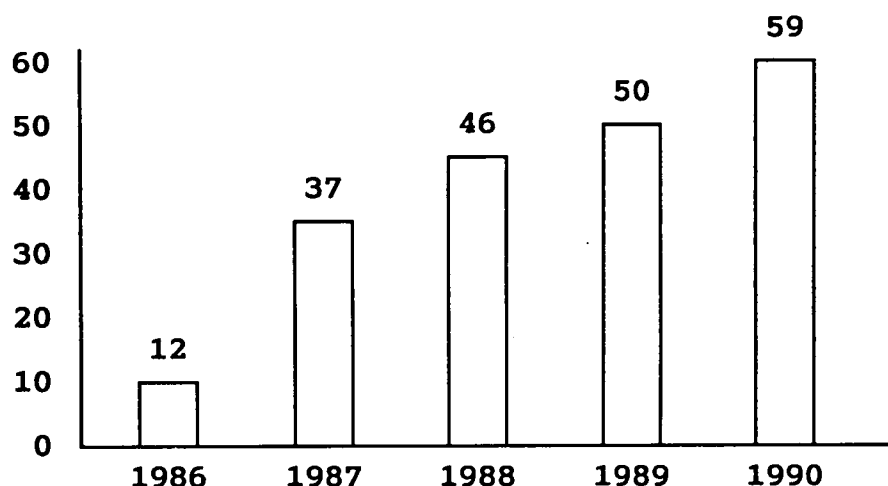
First-aid courses held in factories etc. 1986-1990



After 1986 Danish Red Cross has experienced a strong development within the Second-hand business. Second-hand shops which are run by local Red Cross branches now number 59, and further shops are being established. The shops have a considerable turnover. Surplus clothes are being delivered to a working centre in southern Jutland, where they are repaired, cleaned and packed, and subse-

quently transferred to Danish Red Cross' emergency store. In 1990 225 tons of used clothing of a high quality were despatched to Red Cross Societies in Africa and other places.

The development in the number of second-hand shops:



Within the last number of years psychologists and psychiatrists have begun to take an interest in how to render assistance to victims of ill-treatment, violence and accidents. Their research shows that the need for psychological aid is not limited to great accidents and catastrophes. Throughout their lives human beings are exposed to strains which may bring about psychic crises which need to be dealt with. These crises need not necessarily demand professional treatment, in some cases general humane support will suffice.

For a couple of years Danish Red Cross has worked with the possibility of establishing a training activity within the field. This training programme was finally developed in 1990, a text book "Psychological First Aid - and other Humane Support" was issued, and training courses started in September. It is an eight-hour course, and 1,308 persons participated in the 98 courses which were carried through in 1990, and 85 instructors have received the necessary special training.

The initiative in connection with psychological first aid aroused great interest in other Red Cross Societies, which led to an International Meeting on the subject, held in Copenhagen in May 1991.

Danish Red Cross' Tracing Service has in 1990 established nearly 400 family links in connection with the conflict in Lebanon, war prisoners in Iran and Iraq, prisoners in Israel etc. Furthermore the Tracing Service handles daily spontaneous applications from refugees and others, wishing humanitarian assistance to themselves or their relatives abroad. In 1990 150 new tracing matters

were initiated by the tracing office. Many of these cases have been concluded with a positive result. The work is performed in close collaboration with the Central Tracing Agency of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva.

Asylum Administration

At the request of the Danish Minister of Justice, Danish Red Cross in 1984 took on the task of administrating the reception, housing, provisioning, education etc. of the great yearly number of foreigners, seeking asylum in Denmark. The responsibility of Danish Red Cross in this field includes the time it takes for the authorities to treat and decide on the asylum applications. The duration of this process varies from about 6 months to 2 years. After a fairly stable period in the latter half of 1987 and in 1988 the asylum department could ascertain a constant increase in the registration of new asylum seekers during 1989 and 1990. The greatest group of asylum seekers were stateless Palestinians. In 1989 extraordinary measures were taken in favour of unaccompanied children and teenagers, ranging between 1 and 17 years of age. In 1990 no less than 70 unaccompanied children and teenagers arrived. On account of a longer time for the treatment of cases the pressure on the asylum centres was so intense at the end of 1989 that four new centres had to be opened. In 1990 11 additional centres have been opened, and the total number of asylum centres is now 25.

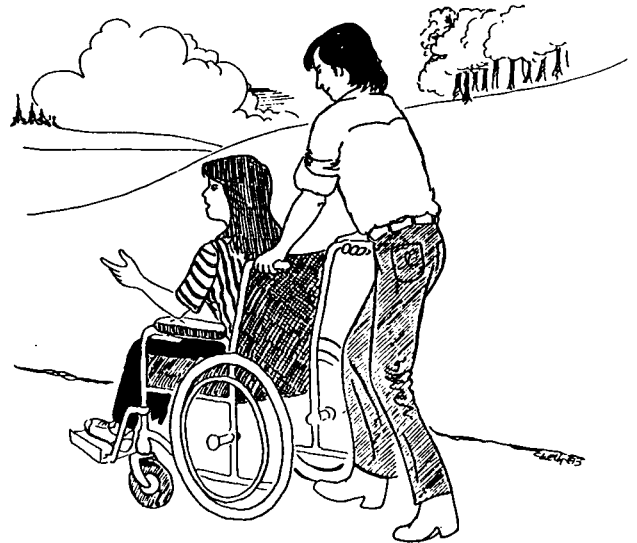


In 1990 a total of 5.300 new asylum seekers were registered. The asylum department employs 40 persons, and the

centres have 750 employees. All expenses in connection with the asylum work are covered by the Directorate for Foreigners under the Danish Ministry of Justice so that the work does not draw upon Danish Red Cross financially. In 1990 the expenses amounted to totally 49.1 mill. Sfr.

Red Cross Youth

The first national congress of the Danish Red Cross Youth, which had just become an independent youth organization, took place in May 1988. The number of Red Cross Youth members amounted to 1043 in 1990. The members are distributed on 32 local groups and 13 county districts. In 1990 11 camps were held for physically handicapped and otherwise disabled children with special needs. 429 children participated in these camps.



The Red Cross Youth's international activities are very comprehensive. A youth delegate programme is carried through in a number of African countries (e.g. Zimbabwe, Uganda and Ethiopia). This programme involves young people who are sent out to work on environment and treeplanting projects including related information. In all 10 youth delegates were sent out in 1990. After their return to Denmark the youth delegates are engaged in information work. During 1990 no less than 105 information arrangements took place with participation of youth delegates. Each year Danish Red Cross Youth sends young people to international camps in other countries.

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