Empress Shôken Fund

Criteria for allocations

When examining the requests submitted, the Joint Commission of the Empress Shôken Fund shall take the following guidelines into account:

a) to restrict the number of allocations so that the amounts allocated for each are sufficient to enable the approved projects to be successfully implemented;

b) to give preference to developing Societies and, among them, to those that have previously least benefited from the Fund or, according to objective criteria, are in greatest need. Some reasonable degree of regional balance should be maintained;

c) to exclude requests from Societies that have not provided satisfactory written reports on the use of previous allocations from the Fund;

d) to allocate no more than one half of the total annual allocation for human resource development projects - including training, staff-on-loan support, volunteer and staff scholarship assistance. It will be expected that women will benefit on an equal basis to men;

e) to allocate no more than one half of the total annual allocation for equipment and materials that are clearly linked to the objectives of the Fund (excluding transportation items, which are already identified under f) below;

f) to allocate no more than one half of the total annual allocation for transportation (cars, ambulances and other vehicles - including spare parts);

g) Programme proposals must be signed by the senior management, and as relevant by all other parties to be involved or that will contribute to the project (i.e. Federation, ICRC, other National Societies, public bodies, etc.).