

## IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

Many organizations and individuals, all over the world, have shown great interest in helping the population of the island in its distress. Even though the National Society has not made a formal appeal to sister Societies, many Red Cross Societies have channelled spontaneous contributions to the Icelandic Red Cross.

As always, when the interest is aroused, new ideas pop up and are realized. A most interesting one started in Norway and has caught on in other countries. Pieces of lava have been put in small plastic bags and have been sold by clubs, for fund-raising purposes.

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### Kuwait

The ICRC received from the Kuwait Red Crescent Society some interesting items of information on the work performed, from April to September 1972, by a medical team sent by the Society to Bagel Hospital, in the Arab Republic of Yemen. It is with pleasure that we inform our readers of this act of solidarity accomplished, under the emblem of the red crescent, by doctors in a country other than their own for the benefit of persons in need of medical assistance.

A surgeon of Kuwait together with his wife, also a doctor, received about 150 patients daily and examined about 40 pregnant women every week at twice-weekly consultations at the Antenatal Care Clinic. At the Preventive Services Centre, they performed vaccinations against several diseases and made periodical examinations of schoolchildren. A variety of surgical operations were performed, and a number of cases were treated in the urological section.

The Kuwait Red Crescent Society medical team, consisting of the surgeon and his wife, a male nurse and an assistant pharmacist, returned home in September 1972 and were immediately replaced by a new team.