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SIDE EVENT REPORT

<b>Submitted by Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Name of the lead organization</b>	International Federation of Red Cross and Red crescent Societies
<b>City and country where the lead organization is based</b>	Switzerland
<b>Title of the event</b>	The power of Youth and Volunteers in building resilient cities
<b>Date</b>	10/19/2016
<b>Room number</b>	R19
<b>List of partner organizations</b>	ICRC
<b>Number of attendees</b>	81-100
<b>Percentage of women participating</b>	41-50%
<b>Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).</b>	<p>The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement holds a key role in responding to urban humanitarian crises. To achieve this, more than 17 million active volunteers play an essential function in supporting their communities and a critical one during emergencies and crisis. Youth represents over 50 per cent of the 17 million volunteer base. This side event has draw upon the experience of volunteers to highlight how they and their work contribute to support, care, help, heal and build social capital in order to find common solutions to humanitarian challenges, recognizing the unique potential and challenge of engaging the younger members of the community; on the other, it will look beyond crises and disasters, to demonstrate the power and role of youth as real change-makers in their communities, constantly finding innovative ways of interacting with their environment and creating more livable, thriving, resilient and inclusive cities.</p>



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<p><b>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed</b></p>	<p>The event, presented by a panel of speakers, illustrated operational examples, including post-earthquake relief and recovery efforts in Ecuador, as well as inspiring new initiatives involving youth taking the lead in improving their neighborhoods, or volunteers working in heavy conflict affected cities. The debate served to: 1. Increase recognition of the role of volunteers as first responders and change-makers in their urban communities. 2. Improve understanding of the potential and power of youth in becoming engaged citizens and the added value they can bring to their communities 3. Improve awareness among urban actors, including governments, local authorities, donors and humanitarian organizations, on ways to engage youth and volunteers in shaping more inclusive and safer living environments.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.</b></p>	<p>Better dialogue among actors, increase space for both humanitarian and developmental work in urban areas affected by crisis and disasters.</p>
<p><b>Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.</b></p>	<p>Many young volunteers asked to join the Red Cross Movement and subscribed to the Ecuadorian Red Cross booth. Dialogue was opened up with several INGOs with specific interest and focus on youth engagement.</p>
<p><b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.</b></p>	<p>Sandra D'Urzo, Italian, Senior Officer, Shelter, IFRC</p>
<p><b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.</b></p>	<p>Jason Sanchez Araya, Costa Rican, Youth Director, CR Red Cross</p>
<p><b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.</b></p>	<p>Esperanza Martinez, Colombian, Head of Health, Assistance Division, ICRC</p>
<p><b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.</b></p>	<p>Alba del Pilar Vargas Espin, Ecuadorian, volunteer of the Ecuadorian Red Cross</p>
<p><b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.</b></p>	<p>Angel Arturo Rojas Cevallos, Ecuadorian, Mayor of the City of Jama, Manabi province, Ecuador</p>
<p><b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 7th speaker at your event.</b></p>	<p>Garry Conille, Haitian, Under Secretary General for Programmes and Operations, IFRC</p>



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<b>Name, nationality, title and organization of any additional speakers at your event.</b>	Yves Daccord, Swiss, Director General, ICRC
<b>Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?</b>	Upcoming global and regional events to inform our Membership. Website etc