

## World Red Cross Red/ Crescent Day - 2017

## **Message from SRCS President**

Every year on 8<sup>th</sup> May, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement celebrates the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. Ururka Bisha Cas (SRCS), as an active member of this large Movement, organizes activities to signify this important day.

Ururka Bisha Cas (SRCS) is an independent and neutral organisation and provides health care services to most vulnerable people in the country, including women and children. It manages orthopedic rehabilitation centres and provides tracing services to restore family links. The SRCS also supports vulnerable people to prepare for any emergency, mitigate risks and strengthen resilience through community-based interventions.

Most parts of the country are facing serious drought conditions with the larger part of the population facing severe drought. Since the last half of 2016, the severity has been spreading and the impacts are getting worse with time. SRCS with the support of Movement partners and non-Movement partners have jointly scaled up its humanitarian response targeting the drought affected people.

On this occasion, I would like to point out the role of the SRCS staff and volunteers in the SRCS activities. Volunteers in particular are the backbone of National Society and are playing a key role in responding to the current drought. We also aim to broaden the understanding of the public about the SRCS by showing the diversity of its work.

Let me reiterate the SRCS commitment in providing relevant and timely humanitarian service to vulnerable communities now and into the future. We work with communities in order to address humanitarian challenges by aiming at their root causes.

As I seize this opportunity, I would like to salute the volunteers and staff of the SRCS for their efforts and dedication in helping the vulnerable people in country. I wish the SRCS volunteers and staff and their families many happy returns of this auspicious occasion.

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