

IFRC hails food sovereignty of DDS communities

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HYDERABAD: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC), Geneva, has recognised the food sovereignty achieved by the women communities of Deccan Development Society (DDS), an NGO in Medak district in the State.

Director of DDS P.V. Sathesh stated in a press conference here on Friday that the IFRC in its World Disaster Report released on Thursday had a special mention of the DDS communities' achievement. The report that focused on hunger, food scarcity and malnutrition, placed India at 128th position among the

sub-Saharan countries.

In an article titled "Saving seeds and speaking out: The women of Medak district in Andhra Pradesh," the IFRC report complimented DDS communities' achievements.

Another recognition received by the NGO was IFRC's commissioning of a film to non-literate rural

women of DDS-Community Media Trust (CMT). The film, "Community Conquers Hunger", was an inspiring chronicle of the communities and their struggle for transformation to become food sovereign. The film was screened for diplomats, politicians and academia in New Delhi on Thursday.