

# Dr. Abbas Gullet

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION** East African Certificate of Education (1977).

Post Graduate Diploma (MBA) in practising Management (INSEAD 1997), Lancaster University, McGill University, Hitotubashi University, Bangalore School of Management. (Head of Faculty – Prof. Henry Mintzberg).

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**October 2007**

Recognized as the UN Person of the Year.

**December 2008**

Awarded an honorary of Order of the Golden Warrior from the Kenya Government.

**June 2009**

*Utetezi* Award (Civil Society) in recognition of my remarkable contribution in humanitarian activities.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**May 2004 to April 2005**      **Treasurer, Kenya Red Cross Society,**

**15th April 2005 to date**      **Secretary General, Kenya Red Cross,**

Providing strategic leadership for the society in delivering its mission of alleviating human suffering to the community. I have successfully transformed the society into the leading Humanitarian National Society in Kenya.

### **Achievements under my leadership as the Secretary General of Kenya Red Cross**

#### **Red Court Hotels**

Founding of Red Court chain of hotels in Nairobi, Eldoret and Nyeri

The net value of the Society property was kes.35million but today after the completion of the development the nett value is over kes.3 Billion.

**Since 2002** the National Society was appointed the Lead Agency and Focal Point for disasters for sudden onset disasters throughout the country

**June 2007**

Kenya Red Cross Society was awarded the Super Brands status by the East African Chapter being the only second Red Cross Red Crescent Society in the world after American Red Cross to be awarded this status in the humanitarian field

**December 2007**

With the eruption of the Post Election Violence in December 2007, thousands of people were displaced and relied on humanitarian assistance. Through my leadership Kenya Red Cross was appointed by the Government to coordinate humanitarian assistance. Our humanitarian efforts enabled us assist over 300,000 IDPs with food and non food items, shelter, medical supplies among others.

**March 2009**

Under my leadership, the society founded the Emergency Medical Services (E PLUS). The unit has the largest fleet of Ambulances in Kenya (16 in number).

**August 2004**

I established the NEPARC (New Partnership of African Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies) in

Johannesburg, South Africa, a partnership aimed at African National Societies taking responsibility for their own developments.

Deputy Secretary General and Director of Operations, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, my responsibilities were to oversee the day to day running of all Operations of the International Federation Worldwide and supporting the development of National Societies in Africa, Asia Pacific and the Caribbean.

**December 2002 to October 2003**

Director Disaster Management and Coordination , International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, based in Geneva.

**February 2001 to December 2002**

**Secretary General, Kenya Red Cross**, I was on secondment from the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent for 2 years. By the end of my secondment, I had revived donor confidence, programmes were well funded, professional staff had been hired and a surplus of Kshs. 15million had been invested in bonds.