

Appeal 2001-2002

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

East Timor (Appeal 01.42/2001)

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1. Institutional and

Resource Development

484,562

Total

484,562

Introduction

National Context

After the referendum in East Timor that led to independence in June 1999, administrative authority was passed to the UN (UNTAET) as a two to three year interim measure. In the violence that followed the vote, the island was almost destroyed - 75 per cent of the population were displaced and 70 per cent of all buildings were burnt to the ground. The UN and a number of other agencies are supporting a period of intensive reconstruction and are assisting the Timorese, through the National Council of Timorese Resistance (CNRT), a transitional body, in paving the way for a democratically elected government.

The Indonesian Red Cross, which maintained a number of branches in East Timor and worked with the ICRC, was forced to withdraw, leaving only a few volunteers and staff on the island. The ICRC, after being forcibly evacuated from the capital, Dili, on 6 September 1999, returned on 14 September, and has since established an extensive relief operation on the island. Its activities vary according to needs in each region of the island but include the distribution of relief supplies, the forwarding of Red Cross messages, the reunification of family members who have been separated by the events, the construction of a water supply and sanitation facilities and the improvement of existing installations, the provision of health and medical services and visits to persons detained in connection with the conflict. A number of these activities are managed as 'delegated projects' with supporting Red Cross societies.

Given not only the considerable humanitarian needs in Timor, but also the important role to be played by the international community and the Timorese in developing civil society, it is of critical importance to establish indigenous organisations. The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement is now well placed to assist the people of East Timor in setting up their own national Red Cross Society.

The Federation engaged a consultant in July 2000 to draft a strategy for the future role of the Movement in East Timor -- a strategy that is reflected in this programme. Subsequently there has been extensive co-operation with ICRC and an MOU outlining the respective roles has been developed.

1. Institutional and Resource Development

Background and progress to date

Goal The programme's overall goal is to support the creation and growth of a new national Red Cross society in East Timor and to assist it in fulfilling its humanitarian mandate.

Objectives and Activities Planned

Objective 1 To establish, within three years, a well functioning national Red Cross in East Timor, with appropriate and recognised activities. The National Society will be recognised by the ICRC and admitted to Federation membership by the Federation General Assembly.

Activities to achieve objective 1:

Institutional Development

Through the provision of expatriate technical expertise, direct technical support from the Secretariat and ICRC, as well assistance from national societies in the region, the following is planned:

- To support the establishment of the basic National Society structures required for National Society recognition.
- To provide guidance and training (building on the 1999 regional leadership workshop) in the development of National Society leadership (governance and management) skills.
- To provide support (through hands-on training, exchange visits and workshops) in organisational management, financial management, human resource development (including membership/volunteer issues), resource mobilisation and all aspects of communications.
- To strengthen programme design, management and presentation, as well as reporting and evaluation skills.
- To assist the National Society in drawing up a five-year development plan leading to the development of a Country Assistance strategy.

Health

- To conduct an assessment to identify the needs and likely role for the National Society in community health and first aid.
- To work with the National Society to study the feasibility and appropriateness of developing a role in the planned national blood programme.

Disaster preparedness and response

- To assist the National Society, through co-operation with UNTAET, the CNRT disaster commission and OCHA, in identifying and developing a role in the national disaster plan.
- To provide training to National Society staff in all aspects of disaster management.

Expected Results

- That the National Society has a governing body in place, relevant activities, nation-wide representation and statutes adopted by its General Assembly.
- That senior management are better able to govern and to manage the National Society.
- That the National Society has a clear organisational structure, sound financial management systems, and a good human and financial resource base.

- That the National Society has developed long-term programmes based on global (S2010) and national strategies which are regularly reported on and evaluated.
- That a five-year development plan and Country Assistance Strategy are adopted and in use.
- That an assessment has been carried out and that the National Society has a health programme that complements the government's role.
- That the National Society has a policy on blood and, if appropriate, a focused role in the national programme.
- That there is a national disaster plan with clear recognition of the role of the national Red Cross.
- That the National Society has well trained staff in disaster management at headquarters and at branch level.

Indicators

- The National Society is recognised by the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and by its government.
- The National Society is making well informed judgements and decisions.
- The National Society is operational, has well co-ordinated programmes, professional staff and strong long-term support from partners and donors.
- The people of East Timor have access to effectively programmed assistance provided through the national Red Cross.
- The National Society is delivering co-ordinated and focused health assistance to the people of East Timor.
- The National Society has a co-ordinated programme of disaster preparedness and response at the grass roots level.
- The National Society provides timely, efficient and appropriate services to people before, during and after disasters.

Critical Assumptions

- That East Timor remains stable and that the political situation does not degenerate through internal friction in the East Timor leadership.
- That the Movement is able to provide timely support in order to maintain the enthusiasm and momentum of the East Timorese Red Cross group.

Monitoring and Evaluation Arrangements

A group of participating National Societies actively supporting the CAS implementation will be set up. It will meet with the East Timor Red Cross group and the Federation twice yearly for review, follow up and planning. Furthermore, mechanisms will be developed whereby the Federation and ICRC work together to monitor the progress of the development strategy.

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DELEGATION: EAST TIMOR		
PROGRAMME	IDRD	TOTAL
Shelter & construction	0	0
Clothing & textiles	0	0
Food & seeds	0	0
Water	0	0
Medical & first aid	0	0
Teaching materials	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	0
Other relief supplies	0	0
Sub total supplies	0	0
Land & Buildings	0	0
Vehicles	0	0
Computers & telecom	17,000	17,000
Medical equipment	0	0
Other capital expenses	3,000	3,000
Sub total capital	20,000	20,000
Programme management	32,674	32,674
Technical services	9,781	9,781
Professional services	10,847	10,847
Sub total programme support	53,302	53,302
Transport & storage	19,800	19,800
Personnel (delegates & expatriates)	106,800	106,800
Personnel (local staff)	30,360	30,360
Sub total personnel	137,160	137,160
Travel & related expenses	28,600	28,600
Information expenses	0	0
Expert fees	20,000	20,000
Admin. - general expenses	45,700	45,700
Training workshops / seminars	160,000	160,000
Sub total travel, training, general exp.	254,300	254,300
Total budget	484,562	484,562