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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.03/2004; Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: May to November 2004;**  
**Appeal coverage: 22.6%; Outstanding needs: CHF 682,908 (USD 603,300 or EUR 442,600).**

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**Appeal target: CHF 882,682 (USD 662,923 or EUR 568,189)**

#### Related Emergency appeal:

- Eritrea: Drought, Emergency Appeal no. 04/2004 - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?04/0404.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?04/0404.pdf)
- Eritrea 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA001 – [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA001.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA001.pdf)

**Programme summary:** Through support from the Federation, bilateral partner national societies (PNS) and ICRC, the Red Cross Society of Eritrea<sup>1</sup> (Red Cross of Eritrea) has made significant progress in the implementation of long term development programmes with a strong focus on building up the capacity of the communities and developing its volunteer base. The national society also continued to implement the emergency relief operation in response to the recurrent drought in Eritrea that is severely affecting the economy and livelihood of large parts of the population.

A new Federation representative for Eritrea was recruited in October 2004.

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## Operational developments

Pressure from the recurrent drought in the country, loss of foreign markets as a result of regional difficulties, and sharp increase in food prices due to shortages in some parts of the country led to an inflation rate of 27% in Eritrea, rendering many communities and families economically vulnerable. Government estimates of August 2004 stipulates that failure of the 2004 crop is likely to increase the number of beneficiaries for relief food distribution from the present 1.9 million to 2.2 million, which account to 58% of Eritrea's total population of 3.8 million.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) surveillance data reveals high malnutrition rates among women and children in Gash Barka, Anseba and Northern Red Sea Zobas with global malnutrition estimated to be as high as 19.4%, 18.4% and 13.9% respectively. Growth and monitoring reports place 50% of under five children to be undernourished.

## Health and Care

**Goal: The Red Cross of Eritrea is among the lead players in the country in the field of humanitarian intervention, in close cooperation with the people in the communities and villages in providing Preventive Health Care and HIV/AIDS awareness interventions, as well as improvement of water and sanitation facilities to limit suffering of the most vulnerable people in the country.**

**Objective: Wide reaching community Based First Aid programmes and activities to impart knowledge and skills in HIV/AIDS prevention, and proper water sanitation and hygiene have been implemented.**

### Progress

**Expected Result 1: Community Based First Aid teams are working in 180 communities, providing preventive health care training by 2004 and increases by another 60 villages annually. Information and education in family planning, home management, and nutritional skills targeting groups in the communities are parts of the programme and are benefiting from the support of well-trained and qualified Red Cross First Aid Teams from the branches during 2004-2007.**

### Achievements

The national society has continued its commitment to strengthening its new concept of Community Volunteer Facilitators (CVF) System (also called Coaching system), considered as an effective means for communities to identify their problems and needs and mobilizing themselves to find homegrown solutions. Through support from the Danish Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross, 12 CVF selected by local Red Cross committees in close cooperation with the local administration and the Red Cross local branch have been trained and are actively working in 15 villages. The Netherlands Red Cross has provided the CVF with motorcycles to facilitate their work.



**Women at the Teseney Weaving project.**

Two new Red Cross Action Teams (RCAT) were established during the reporting period in the sub-branches of Dekemhare and Agordat and were trained in first-aid and relief. This makes the total number of RCAT to eight in addition to the six established in 2003.

Community-based first-aid (CBFA) and home management training have been ongoing activities and the national society has reached a total of 577 women and 110 community members. In addition, 90 women from female headed households have been given a combination of CBFA and skills training to assist them in improving their economic situation.

**Expected result 2: Commercial First Aid training targeting drivers, industrial workers, women and youth has been provided at headquarters and branch level during 2004-2007; First Aid bags for enterprises and drivers are being produced.**

**Achievements**

Commercial First Aid has not yet been implemented. However, traditional First Aid training has been ongoing since the beginning of the year. With support from ICRC, the national society has provided conventional first aid training to industrial workers and the police, including 48 police officers from Zoba Maekel and 14 workers of Asmara Intercontinental Hotel. The ICRC also donated 20 first aid kits and other essential life saving equipments, 20 family tents, 20 tarpaulins, 10 stretchers and 100 jerry cans and other emergency items to the Red Cross of Eritrea in October 2004. These items have been distributed to Agordat and Dekemhare sub branches that are highly affected by war, to strengthen their capacity for response to emergencies.

**Expected result 3: The national society has taken an active part in different global health related campaigns, in particular contributing with deployment of volunteers in the communities during 2004-2007**

**Achievements**

All branches of the Society organized street parades to celebrate the World First Aid Day at which they portrayed messages on the importance of first aid. The national society also celebrated the global campaign together with the Ministry of Health.

**Expected result 4: The Red Cross of Eritrea has a well-organized and active Health Care Department covering the three units: Community Based Health Development, HIV/AIDS and Water and Sanitation.**

The capacity of the health department has been further strengthened by the full incorporation of the water and sanitation (WatSan) unit that had previously operated under the auspices of the emergency drought relief programme. The WatSan unit is fully staffed by a local WatSan coordinator, one water engineer and a health officer who benefited from a comprehensive on the job coaching by the Federation WatSan delegate attached to the drought operation before handing over full control to the local team at the end of his mission in April 2004. The health department also has a fully functional HIV/AIDS unit established in 2003

**Expected result 5: The national society has an ongoing Peer Education Programme for youth in and out of school focusing on Sexually Transmitted Diseases and sexual behavior as well as on anti-stigma and discrimination issues; taboo related to HIV/AIDS is on the decrease and more transparency about these diseases is registered during 2004-2007.**

**Achievements**

The national society has been running a campaign to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) for in and out of school peer educators under the supervision of the Red Cross of Eritrea HIV/AIDS coordinator. This is part of the Red Cross of Eritrea's peer education programme funded by the Netherlands Red Cross. As part of the programme, all branch volunteers underwent a thorough orientation on general aspects of HIV/AIDS as an initial step towards becoming peer facilitators from which five branch volunteer coordinators and ten volunteers (total of 15) were selected and trained in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the National Standard for peer trainers using the MOH manual and discussion lines. The training was in two phases - phase one on HIV/AIDS competence conducted towards end of July, and phase two on the facilitation process conducted in mid September.

The trained peer facilitators have been provided with the manuals, the Discussion Guide Line and the publication "How to become effective peer facilitator" and are expected to train peer educators at branch level and give refresher courses as per need. They will also serve as peer coordinators in model communities which are specific target groups and areas given to the Red Cross of Eritrea to work in. The structural organization of the behaviour change communication (BCC) strategy of the MOH will be adopted to facilitate coordination with the MOH.

In the Northern Red Sea branch, the peer educators have also been trained on HIV/AIDS using the ARCHI tool kit. A total of 11, 041 community members have received HIV/AIDS information throughout the branches of the Red Cross of Eritrea since April 2004.

Member of the Eritrean national association for PLWHA (BODHO) have on several occasion been invited by the Red Cross of Eritrea branches to disseminate HIV/AIDS information and to share their life experiences with the branch staff and volunteers. The youth have also staged drama shows with themes on stigma and discrimination against PLWHA to the general public and at national holidays.

**Expected result 6: Constructive dialogue in the field of HIV/AIDS has been established between the Red Cross of Eritrea and sister national societies as well as other organizations; the HIV/AIDS unit is working well under a coordinator at headquarters level and officers in the various branches during 2004- 2007.**

#### **Achievements**

Following the 6<sup>th</sup> Pan African Conference in Algiers, the Federations' Nairobi Regional HIV/AIDS partnership officer visited the Red Cross of Eritrea to explore feasible partnerships for the national society in the area of HIV/AIDS. During the mission, the HIV/AIDS Partnership Officer held extensive discussion with BIDHO from which it was agreed that a stronger working relationship be established. BIDHO is set to open two branch offices in Debub and Massawa; it was agreed that this would be a potential entry point for the Red Cross of Eritrea to offer assistance from its experience in establishing strong grassroots structures able to effectively reach the target communities. The Red Cross of Eritrea was invited to attend BIDHO's monthly task force meetings to identify concrete areas of working together. The meeting also recommended that the regional delegation and the Red Cross of Eritrea develop a training manual on communication skills involving public speaking and disclosure skills to support PLWHA interested in participating in advocacy and stigma reduction programmes of the Red Cross of Eritrea. This will go a long way to increase the visibility of PLWHA public advocates that is currently lacking in Eritrea.

**Expected result 7: Workshops and training sessions related to participatory rural appraisals and PHAST<sup>2</sup> issues have been regularly provided for staff and volunteer at headquarters and the branches, as well as for community volunteers during 2004-2007; hygiene education has been provided in community schools.**

#### **Achievements**

With the support of the Danish Red Cross, the Red Cross of Eritrea held three training workshops during the reporting period. these were a two day workshop on baseline survey for 20 volunteers and 4 staff from Anseba region followed by a practical field test in one coaching area; a training on baseline survey for 14 branch staff, 3 branch volunteers and one Volunteer Coordinator of Debub branch from 28 September to 3 October to build the branch's capacity in conducting standardized baseline survey for monitoring and evaluation purpose; and a one-week workshop to draft the national society's strategy for bilateral assistance from Danish Red Cross for the next 5 years that was attended by different partners including BIDHO, the Ministries of Health and Agriculture, and UNICEF.

The WatSan Coordinator undertook PHAST training to 40 volunteers from different villages in Southern Red Sea Branch to help them in the identification of health problems and in developing solutions themselves; twelve volunteers were also trained as PHAST trainers at this occasion. Following this training, the branch now has the capacity to carry out effective PHAST trainings on its own without assistance from headquarters.

**Expected result 8: During 2004-2007, family and community latrines have been built in rural areas supplemented with health education. A number of communities have constructed their own protected wells and water sources with the support and technical supervision of the WatSan programme of the Red Cross of Eritrea with a minimum target of two wells per branch per year. Waste disposals and rubbish collection pits have been dug and are available for household in the 180 villages with Community Based First Aid programme and are increased by 60 annually. Cleaning campaign and training in environment protection are accomplished twice a year in all the villages.**

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<sup>2</sup> PHAST – Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation

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### **Achievements**

Ten water projects carried over from 2003 are in their completion stage. Meanwhile, fifteen villages in all the six branches of the Red Cross of Eritrea have been identified for the construction of new water points. The WatSan unit has undertaken geographical and geological assessment for 9 water projects while physical drilling has commenced in some branches. Extensions to three other water projects in Zoba Maekel and Gash Barka are progressing well while one project in Northern Red Sea was by agreement taken over by UNICEF.

Construction of sanitation projects are planned to be undertaken together with the water projects and will see 316 family demonstration latrines built for further replication by the community members. The Southern Red Sea, the Northern Red Sea, and Maekel branches have already started construction of latrine following PHAST education on proper latrine use conducted by the Red Cross of Eritrea headquarter to 60 members of the community. The national society headquarter has completed the distribution of 155 slabs, and another 173 family latrines in Debub, Anseba, and Maekel have been completed from carried over projects.

### **Constraint**

Hand dug wells are increasingly becoming less viable since the ground water table is deepening as the result of four years of consecutive drought. Scarcity of construction materials like cement, reinforcement bars and iron sheet has delayed completion of some activities and also hampered efforts by the communities to improve or maintain their water supply systems.

### **Impact**

The concept of Community Volunteer Facilitators has significantly improved the quality and quantity of the national society's intervention at the community level and is attracting a lot of interest from both the communities themselves as well as donors and other organizations who perceive the Red Cross of Eritrea as a viable partner on the ground.

### **Disaster Management**

**Goal: The Red Cross of Eritrea is one of the most reliable actors in the country in Disaster Preparedness and Response, with a clear role and responsibility in times of disaster as an auxiliary to the government, and is appreciated by all actors as well as by society itself.**

**Objective: The Red Cross of Eritrea has established a nationwide Disaster Preparedness and Response structure and capacity from headquarters level, through to the branches and sub-branches down to the community level ready to intervene at an early stage in relation to potential or actual disasters.**

### **Progress**

**Expected Result 1: The Red Cross of Eritrea has conducted a Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) itself in 2004 with a follow up in 2007, and has also involved other stakeholders in the country.**

### **Achievements**

Funding for the implementation of the capacity vulnerability assessment has not been secured; nonetheless, discussions are ongoing with the regional delegation on possible sources of funding for the activity. It will also be necessary for volunteer capacity assessment workshop to be undertaken prior to the VCA. In the meantime, participatory rural appraisal/baseline surveys have been ongoing in all branches to identify the problems and needs of the communities.

Meanwhile, staff and volunteers of the Red Cross of Eritrea have however been provided with training on the preliminary stages of VCA. A senior member of the national society's management team attended the Global VCA Trainer of Trainers Workshop organized by the Federation Secretariat in Spain.

**Expected result 2: The Red Cross of Eritrea has developed a system for data collection involving all Red Cross “satellites” around the country, with the overall aim to disclose at an earliest possible stage developments which could lead to health related or other problems in the village by expanding its cooperation with the 180 villages, with an increase of 60 new villages per year and accomplished training for members of Rapid Response Teams at community level, and capacity to respond swiftly in times of disaster has increased during 2004-2007.**

**Achievements**

The Red Cross of Eritrea is a member of different sectorial working groups on food security, food aid, water and sanitation, shelter, health, nutrition, education and mine action formed under the Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP) following the border conflict with Ethiopia.

The CVF and RCAT are important tools for the Red Cross of Eritrea in collecting surveillance and early warning information; presently, 12 CVF are covering 10-15 villages. It is targeted for all the 180 villages to be covered but has not been achieved due to difficulty in access and communication with the more remote areas. The introduction of motorbikes courtesy of the Netherlands Red Cross is expected to assist in meeting the stipulated target communities.

Collection of data to assess the impact of food distribution in zoba Anseba under the emergency drought relief programme is on going.

**Expected result 3: The national society has improved its capacity in providing relief aid to the most vulnerable people during 2004-2007.**

**Achievements**

The capacity of the national society has gradually improved from its experience in implementing the Red Cross of Eritrea emergency drought relief operations over the past three years. Local staff are now effectively implementing activities that were previously being carried out by Federation delegates including needs assessment and problem identification in drought affected areas, logistics, relief distribution and reporting. The WatSan component has been under the full control of the National society since April 2004 after the end of the WatSan delegate’s mission. A number of volunteers have been trained in distribution of food and non food relief items and have had a good opportunity to apply their skills through the operation.

**Impact**

The ability of the national society to take effective control of the implementation of the emergency relief operation is testimony of their growing capacity to manage emergency operations of a large scale. The national society’s surveillance system through the CVF and RCAT is also complementing its disaster preparedness at the community level through collection of early warning and monitoring data on emerging problems in the community. For example, the Red Cross of Eritrea was able to provide efficient assistance to victims of a fire disaster in Zoba Gash Barka by distributing 100 Blankets, 10 bales of used clothing, and 360 blankets, 42 pieces of kitchen sets following a hail storm in the same zoba in September, all thanks to the prompt information provided by the RCAT. The national society also distributed 10,000 blankets and 600 bales of used clothing to an IDP population in Gash Barka and Dehub and Northern Red Se towns of Embatkala in July and August 2004.

**Constraints**

Despite the modest achievements, a lack of funding has limited the capacity of the national society to build up disaster preparedness stocks at strategic branches; the relief items distributed in Zoba Gash Barka had to be obtained from the national headquarters. Further, the community based disaster surveillance system through the CVF and RCAT is only covering about 10-15 villages out of a targeted 180 villages.

## **Organizational Development**

**Goal:** The Red Cross of Eritrea is a well-functioning national society operating within the framework of Strategy 2010, working first and foremost for the benefit of the most vulnerable people in Eritrea, developing quality services in parallel with development of organizational structure at management and governance level.

**Objective:** The Red Cross of Eritrea enjoys the support of an active and determined group of elected members to its governing bodies, appreciating the role of the national society as an auxiliary to the government and under good leadership of skilled and committed management.

### **Progress**

**Expected Result 1:** The Red Cross of Eritrea has been recognized by the Eritrean Government and has organized a General Assembly with election of a Board of Directors and a President in 2004.

### **Achievements**

Contact and discussion has continued with the Eritrean Ministry of Justice over the legal status of the national society. At a meeting held with a representative from the President's office, the Secretary General of the Red Cross of Eritrea and the Federation Representative were assured that the Government's only concern was the Emblem, otherwise the national society could continue implementing its programmes and projects and even collaborate with government bodies both at central, Zoba and community level. The government also expressed its recognition and appreciation of the valuable service the national society rendered to the people of Eritrea and the valuable support it received from the Movement partners.

**Expected result 2:** The Management of the national society is organized in an effective way that serves the staff, volunteers and all its stakeholders and gives maximum support to the most vulnerable people of the country. New skills in project and programme preparation, implementation, reporting and evaluation have been improved; policy and guidelines for programme accounting and reporting provide monitoring opportunities for the headquarters and branches in 2004.

### **Achievements**

The structure of the society especially at branch level has been strengthened thus enabling the Red Cross of Eritrea to increase its programmes implementation and hence deliver maximum support to the most vulnerable people at the grass root level. See health and care section on the establishment of two additional RCAT in the sub-zoba branches of Dekemhare and Agordat in addition to the six others established in 2003.

Branch volunteer coordinators charged with the overall responsibility of volunteer management and mobilization have become more effective through the recruitment and training of CVF whose capacities have been strengthened through appropriate training.

The national society has prepared and revised several operational manuals and guidelines to assist in the effective implementation of activities. This included a CVF manual containing all activities of the society that is serving as a reference for the CVF prepared through a participatory consultative process with all heads of department and branches before being field tested. A Community Development Approach (CDP) manual comprising three parts - PRA, Baseline Survey and CDP - has also been developed and field tested through the facilitation of a consultant funded by the Netherlands Red Cross and is in operation.

The review of current policies and guidelines for the health department is ongoing drawing upon different manuals of different partners including the MOH to ensure that national standards are met.

Through a joint workshop with the Danish Red Cross held in August, the Red Cross of Eritrea has developed a five-year strategic plan (2005-2009) for projects financed by Danish Red Cross building upon the experience from the first phase of assistance from 2000-2004. Danish Red Cross is one of the largest partners of the Red Cross of Eritrea and focuses support on three branches (Debut, Gash Barka and Anseba) which are among the war and drought affected regions of Eritrea.

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The Red Cross of Eritrea is the only national society in the region that has a reporting department staffed by a national reporting officer since the beginning of 2004. A start up coaching was provided by the regional reporting officer during a mission in March. The Red Cross of Eritrea is now producing standard Federation reports as well as other reports to donors using an objective based reporting format developed through a consultative workshop with the national society during the mission. The Federation Representative in Eritrea has also provided continuous on the job training to the Red Cross of Eritrea reporting officer.

**Expected result 3: The second phase of a comprehensive Self-Assessment exercise has been completed by 2005 and become guidelines for further development and improvement process of the national society in the short term as well as long term perspective.**

**Achievements**

The self assessment exercise introduced in 2002 has been a useful tool for identifying weaknesses and potential areas for improvement in the Society. The assessment planned for 2005 will specifically focus on the legal status of the national society.

**Expected result 4: The branch network has been strengthened through a common strategy at national level and an active approach in the communities focusing on partnership, ownership and community involvement with youth groups playing an active role in programme implementation by 2006.**

**Achievements**

The Red Cross of Eritrea gave particular attention on strengthening its structures at branch level during 2004. The high turn over of volunteers has been reduced following the recruitment of 6 branch volunteer coordinators who are responsible for volunteer coordination and mobilization, maintenance of a volunteer database and volunteer motivation and retention. The recruitment of young volunteers is emphasized, and community involvement has been secured through the establishment of Red Cross Committees where local projects are implemented or where the CVF are active.



The national society headquarter has maintained steady support to branches throughout the year. Training of trainers (TOT) in CBFA, PHAST and peer facilitation has enabled the branches to conduct further trainings themselves thus reducing dependency on the headquarters. All heads of department conduct regular field visit to advice, monitor progress and evaluate of projects at the branches.

A new office in Assab (Southern Red Sea zoba) funded by Netherlands Red Cross is under construction; a new office has been completed in Zoba Debub with funds from the Danish Red Cross and is ready to be handed over to the national society. These new offices will provide the branches with adequate facilities and also generate funds through rental of office space and conference facilities to other organizations.

**Expected result 5: A special project calling on donors' attention and support has attracted the interest of more partners both locally and internationally; a fundraising strategy has been developed and is being followed by headquarters and branches in 2004.**

**Achievements**

The Red Cross of Eritrea is presently receiving support from different PNS on a bilateral basis as well as from ICRC and the Federation. The national society has also initiated a vigorous campaign for domestic resource mobilization and made several contacts with local partners to support some of its activities. Positive response has been received from the city council towards supporting the Red Cross of Eritrea with the running cost of the ambulance service.

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Support has also been received from the government administration and local leaders whenever the national society has appealed for assistance in implementing activities at the ground.

### **Constraints**

The inflation and hard economic times facing the country has made it difficult to secure domestic funding.

**Expected result 6: The image of the national society has improved thanks to active marketing of the Red Cross of Eritrea, attracting new members, volunteers and supporters in 2004.**

### **Achievements**

The Red Cross of Eritrea has to a great extent been visible at different occasions in the country including international festivities like the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day and World Aids Day that were celebrated both in Asmara and Massawa, competitions held in schools, public festivities in addition to the general visibility of the national society through its ambulance service. Activities such as First Aid training and dissemination sessions at various levels have contributed to further improving the image of the national society.

### **Impact**

The Red Cross of Eritrea has initiated a process of self evaluation of its performance and is taking new measures to improve the quality of its work at various levels. There is still a long way to go, but the realization of and motivation for new initiatives is growing. A number of smaller projects have been started, with the overall objective to strengthen project management and quality of programme implementation.

### **Constraints**

The lack of a legal status for the Red Cross of Eritrea continues to prevent the national society from recruiting members and electing governing bodies. Despite this, the Red Cross of Eritrea is still able to actively implement its programmes activities and undertake initiatives to develop itself as an important humanitarian player in the Eritrean society.

## **Coordination, Cooperation, and Strategic Partnerships**

**Goal: To help in building the capacity and empowerment of the Red Cross of Eritrea to achieve its mandate through good governance, management, and financial as well as human resources, and to support the building of good partnership with other actors.**

**Objective: The Federation through participatory facilitation is supporting the Red Cross of Eritrea in its process towards full recognition by the government and by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, also ensuring continuous improvement of integrated capacity building, planning and implementation skills, and advocacy based on the seven fundamental principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.**

### **Progress**

**Expected Result 1: The Cooperation Agreement Strategy for Eritrea has been finalized and has increased the impact of the Movement support to the national society in 2004, through Federation coordination and support mechanisms.**

### **Achievements**

The long and close relationship between the Red Cross of Eritrea and a number of PNS as important partners in terms of financial and technical assistance, the need for better coordination and mapping of interests and clearer objectives from all partners has become more obvious. With the Self-Assessment document as an important background (see Organizational Development, Expected Result 3), the Red Cross of Eritrea, with facilitation from the Federation Representative, has finalized the Strategic Plan 2004-2007.

A draft Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) was presented during the partnership meeting in Nairobi in June 2004. The review of basic programmes like the community based health development programme (jointly with Danish Red Cross), the CVF system and the HIV/AIDS strategies (jointly with the Netherlands Red Cross and the

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Regional Delegation) have provided important background material for the continuation of the CAS process. A review of the impact of the emergency food relief distribution was ongoing at the time of writing this report; this will give further information of the interaction between the development programmes and large scale emergency operations.

**Expected Result 2: The Federation Representative and Regional Technical Delegates have provided adequate facilitation and coaching to the national society leadership based on mutually agreed Terms of References and experiences from bilateral projects, as well as expertise from ICRC, bilateral partners and local consultants.**

### **Achievements**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Red Cross of Eritrea and Danish Red Cross for 2005-2009 was finalized in November. Following the end of the immediate former Federation Representative at the end of June, the regional delegation in Nairobi provided support to the national society until the recruitment of a new Federation Representative in November.

**Expected result 3: A partnership meeting is organized annually for the national society and its partners, especially partner national societies and African sister national societies in the region.**

A planned partnership meeting for March did not materialize due to non availability of most of the invited sister societies. It is planned to hold the partnership meeting in February 2005.

**Expected result 4: Annual appeals, emergency appeals and all reports are prepared and issued with the technical support of the Federation Representative and Regional Delegates.**

### **Achievements**

The national society has implemented two emergency relief programmes in 2003 and 2004. A Federation evaluation of the drought emergency operation was ongoing at the time of writing this report towards which the national society played an important lead role. The senior management played an active role in the preparation of programmes and activities under the 2005 appeal for 2005.

### **Impact**

The national society's capacity to implement major emergency operations has improved significantly from the emergency drought operations, rendering the national society capable of delivering effective services to the most vulnerable population. Cooperation with other actors in the humanitarian field has improved and avoided overlap and competition.

## **Effective Representation and Advocacy**

**Goal: Connectivity and knowledge between the national and international stakeholders in Eritrea have increased, resulting in better synergy and impact of interventions. All the players have a good knowledge about the role of each component of the Movement in Eritrea, and about the capacity and the network of the national society.**

**Objective: The cooperation between the various components of the Movement working in Eritrea and the other actors in the field of humanitarian intervention in Eritrea benefits the vulnerable people and contributes to the improvement of the services provided as well as to the rational use of available resources.**

**Expected Result 1: Communication and cooperation between the Red Cross of Eritrea and all humanitarian actors working in Eritrea is improved with the national society being an active partner in coordination meeting and planning processes.**

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### **Achievements**

The Red Cross of Eritrea is working in close collaboration with the Eritrean Relief and Refugee Committee (ERREC) and other organizations in the country to avoid duplication of efforts. The United Nations' Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) to which the Red Cross of Eritrea is a member is an important tool for ensuring this; the Red Cross still has a low profile in the CAP, a situation that will be reviewed in the coming months.

**Expected result 2: Stronger contacts have been established with central and local authorities as well as with the diplomatic corps.**

### **Achievements**

The Red Cross of Eritrea has a good working relationship with local village administrators and other government bodies in programming, trainings and needs assessments. Briefings were held with USAID and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs among others during the reporting period.

**Expected Result 3: External stakeholders like United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, and governmental agencies supporting the national society are regularly informed about the progress of the programmes' implementation and service delivery.**

### **Achievements**

Humanitarian organizations working in Eritrea are regularly informed about the activities of the national society and the progress in implementation through a quarterly newsletter published by the national society. The Red Cross of Eritrea and the Federation Representative also participate in coordination meetings for information sharing.

### **Impact**

The good collaboration with authorities at Zoba and community levels and with government ministries of health, agriculture and education at the central level has enabled the national society to better target and deliver effective assistance to the most vulnerable people in Eritrea.

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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				882,683		22.6%
DANISH - RC				15,000	05.07.04	
NORWEGIAN - RC		150,000	NOK	28,200	06.05.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH & CARE,
SWEDISH - GOVT		775,000	SEK	130,975	06.05.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				174,175	CHF	19.7%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NORWAY	DELEGATES			25,600		
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				25,600	CHF	2.9%

## ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED						
				0	CHF	