

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.45/2004; Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: April to September 2004; Appeal coverage: 0.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 175,841 (USD 132,062 or EUR 113,180).

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Appeal target: CHF 175,841 (USD 132,062 or EUR 113,180)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Central Africa sub-regional programmes, 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA038 (includes Cameroon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé and Príncipe, and sub-regional office)

– http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA038.pdf

Programme summary: During this period, the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea¹ pursued its priority activities in domains like Health/AIDS, the Promotion of Humanitarian Values, and Disaster Management.

Within the context of Disaster Management, the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea constructed latrines and rehabilitated water points (construction of concrete tap stands) with the support of the Spanish Red Cross, thus improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable.

Furthermore, under its Humanitarian Values programme, the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea made efforts aimed at preserving the health of the elderly, thereby contributing to the eradication of discrimination against the aged. Remarkable efforts have also been made toward building the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea executives' planning capacities.

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This Programme Update reflects activities to be implemented over a one-year period. This forms part of, and is based on, longer-term, multi-year planning (refer below to access the detailed logframe documents).

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¹ Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=63>

Context and Operational Development

Since establishing the Central Africa Sub-Regional Office (BRAC)ca (BRAC) in Yaoundé, Cameroon, the Federation has stressed the necessity to develop a comprehensive Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) that would be approved by all the regional partners and serve as a framework within which pertinent programmes related to humanitarian action and capacity building would be developed. Unfortunately, this CAS is not yet established in Equatorial Guinea due to the limited number of partner-supported Red Cross activities and the inadequate resources for the smooth elaboration and implementation of pertinent strategies.

Water-borne diseases and other vaccination eradicable diseases continue to take their toll on children since the immunization coverage is very low. In 2000, HIV/AIDS prevalence was almost non-existent in Equatorial Guinea (0.05%). It has now become a major health hazard given its negative impact on the country's development process. The need to increase public awareness in order to stop its spread has become more pertinent.

Since Equatorial Guinea became an oil producer, its financial resource base has grown stronger. Regardless, social welfare policies to protect the most vulnerable i.e. the elderly and abandoned orphans who suffer discrimination remain largely undeveloped.

The Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea has decided to fully implement the ARCHI 2010 strategy in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs. The national society volunteers have carried out health and social welfare activities over the last three years.

Health and Care

Goal: Reduction of the population's social and health vulnerability.

Objective: The target populations working with the programme will adopt safety behaviours and use the national society's services to achieve improved health care and social actions in Equatorial Guinea.

Achievements

AIDS Control

Between May and September 2004, 55 Red Cross volunteers received peer education training. A further 43 volunteers raised public awareness for an estimated 1,000 people in Malabo and Bata, the two main towns most attractive to visitors.

Awareness of Hygiene Standards

A total of 24 first-aid workers – eight from the Nkoe, Ebibyan and Agnizok committees – raised awareness in their respective communities about the need to follow basic body and nutrition hygiene rules such as washing hands before eating. About 750 people attended that sensitisation campaign.

Disaster Management

Goal: Reduction of the vulnerability of the population of Equatorial Guinea following disasters.

Objective: The technical competencies of a national disaster management team in water and sanitation and epidemic management is improved while the national society's mechanisms for the reception of an ERDAC, FACT or ERU team and local branch capacities for prevention, preparedness and response in areas at risk is strengthened.

Achievements

Water and Sanitation (WatSan)

Within the framework its programme to improve the population's living conditions particularly amongst the vulnerable, the national society constructed 92 latrines in Mbini, Riaba, Agnizok and Nkoe. Mindful of the ARCHI 2010 approach, Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea recruited 276 people to carry out those activities under the supervision of six Red Cross volunteers. This operation is supported by Federation and the Spanish Red Cross.

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Four Red Cross volunteers assisted 16 volunteers from the town of Bata in the construction of three water points (concrete tap stands) to facilitate the access of the Bata populations to potable water.

Impact

There is an increased Red Cross respect and understanding of its role as auxiliary to the government amongst the communities.

Constraints

Funding constraints do not allow all needs to be addressed.

Promotion of Humanitarian Values

Goal: Elimination of discrimination towards the aged, the orphaned and women.

Objective: With assistance from the media, theatre troupes and celebrities, public awareness and understanding of the rights of old people, orphans and women is increased.

Achievements

During this period, the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea volunteers assisted 49 elderly people in the districts of Banei, Sampaka, Bata and Nkui. They distributed 1,800 bars of soap, 196 litres of oil, 200 kg of salt, 200 boxes of sweetened condensed milk, and clothing (shirts, trousers, pullovers, etc.). The Red Cross volunteers regularly distribute rice, salt and clothing to the elderly. The national society itself financed this programme.

Impact

The Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea translated the fight against discrimination into concrete action thereby positioning itself as a serious defender of human dignity.

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Equatorial Guinea

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 01.45/2004

PLEDGES RECEIVED

28/02/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

				TOTAL COVERAGE		
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				175,841	0.0%	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				0	CHF	0.0%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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