

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA019; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: January to June 2005; Appeal coverage: 43.0 %; Outstanding needs: CHF 482,563 (USD 377,002 or EUR 311, 733).

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Appeal target: CHF 864,452 (USD 672,300 or EUR 545,200)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme summary: The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire¹ was not able to implement most of its programmes during the reporting period due to lack of funding. However, with support from the ICRC, Netherlands Red Cross, French Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross bilateral office in Côte d'Ivoire. The National Society was able to participate in some activities.

Lack of funding has led to the inability of the National Society to assist a population that is considered extremely vulnerable.

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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). All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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¹ Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=182>

Operational developments

In spite of the several agreements signed, the political crisis in Côte d'Ivoire has so far remained unresolved. The months of March and November 2004 particularly witnessed increased periods of tension. While the conflict has left scars on the general population, some communities have been worst-hit by damage of medical infrastructures and several health personnel deserting their former zones. This led to the increase of potential epidemic diseases including measles, cholera, STI, HIV/AIDS and wild poliovirus in several regions of the country.

Uncertainty has heightened as the deadline for the demobilization, disarmament and reintegration (DDR) process and the presidential elections due for 30 October approach. In this context, the Red Cross Society of Cote d'Ivoire is set to update its contingency plan for the elections. The plan includes a general evaluation and recycling of volunteers because Côte d'Ivoire needs more effective disaster management preparation.

Health and care

Community health

Goal: The health status of the West and Southwest rural populations is improved in 2005.

Objective: The rural populations in the Western Côte d'Ivoire are provided with better access to primary health care in 2005.

Achievements

- With ICRC's support, the Red Cross Society of Cote d'Ivoire organized sanitation education campaigns in five local committees: two in Marcory and Koumassi, Abidjan and three in the interior towns of Boundiali, Danane and San-Pedro.
- The French Red Cross, in its effort to fight against HIV/AIDS in rural areas, assist PLWHA, and strengthen community health programmes, is assisting the National Society by training volunteers on prevention techniques and micro-planning, and as community health care agents and matrons.
- A total of 43 health care agents responsible for the management of the health posts and health care promotion centers in Danane, Zouan-Hounien and Bin-Houye branches of the National Society have been trained.
- Apart from food assistance, the Netherlands Red Cross is implementing field projects in health care and psycho-social support for displaced households. This involves the opening and supplies of dispensary equipment and drugs in five infirmaries in Port-Bouet, Marcory, Adjamé, Abobo, and Yopougon committees of Abidjan.

HIV/AIDS/STI

Goal: By the end of 2005, the rate of occurrence of STI/AIDS among the youths (aged 12 - 24) is reduced in the rural areas of the regions of Korhogo, Yamoussoukro, Gagnoa and Aboisso.

Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire has contributed to the reduction of the STI/AIDS vulnerability of the youths in the rural areas.

Achievements

- The National Society sensitized long distances truck drivers and other vulnerable groups within the framework for the fight against HIV/AIDS. Population Service International (PSI) provided support to the local branches of Adjame, Port-Bouet, Man, Danane, Bouake, Korhogo, Ferke, Ouangolo and Pogo cities in conducting the sensitization activities.
- With backing from UNDP/Global Fund, four voluntary HIV/AIDS tracking centers were established in Man (in the west), Odiéné, Korhogo and Ferkéssédougou (in the north).

Impact

- With support from the French Red Cross and ICRC local branches of Danane, Zouan-Hounien and Bin-Houye are rehabilitating community health posts and health care promotion centers.
- The health awareness of the community health workers is increased through the training.

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- Bilateral activities have enhanced the National Society’s capacity to undertake concrete actions for the most vulnerable population. The health care and psycho-social support project of the Netherlands Red Cross is estimated to benefit over 8,000 persons: 7,715 medical consultations and 1,721 psychological supports.

Constraints

- Lack of funds hindered implementation of most activities.

Disaster management

Goal: The effect of disasters in the communities is reduced.

Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d’Ivoire’s disaster management capacity is strengthened.

Achievements

- With financial support from ICRC, six first-aid brigades from the National Society received training. They in turn shared their skills with 120 volunteers. 34 local committees also received three first-aid kits each.
- The National Society provided support and assistance to the populations affected by ethnic conflicts in Duekoue. Apart from coordinating field activities the National Society’s volunteers provided shelter, care for the wounded and evacuated those with serious cases to specialized structures for better care.
- After conducting a needs assessment, the Red Cross Society of Cote d’Ivoire provided 85 plates, 50 buckets, 75 blankets and 252 soaps for the victims. This was done within the framework of the management of population movement.
- The Red Cross Society of Cote d’Ivoire has updated its contingency plan in readiness for the coverage of the country’s general elections scheduled for October.
- The Netherlands Red Cross is implementing field projects in food-assistance. So far it has distributed food aid twice to over 1,000 families during the reporting period.

Impact

- The first-aid training has increased the volunteers’ skills.
- Bilateral activities have enhanced the National Society’s capacity to undertake concrete actions for the most vulnerable population.

Humanitarian values

Goal: The behavior of the population towards peace and tolerance in the communities is improved.

Objective: The fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Red Cross are promoted to facilitate the execution of its activities of assistance to the populations.

Achievements

- The Spanish Red Cross bilateral office in Cote d’Ivoire, in collaboration with the National Society, is presently engaged in three projects: a street children rehabilitation project; a “girl-mothers” project and a human rights project dubbed “reduction of intra-community tensions” in 10 local committees in Abidjan and the south of Cote d’Ivoire. The “street children” and “girl-mothers” projects put together form the “youth in difficulty project”.

Impact

- The “reduction of intra-community tensions” project, sponsored by the Spanish Red Cross bilateral office in Cote d’Ivoire, will greatly reduce tensions through sensitization and implementation of income generating activities in the mixed communities of Bouake, Abobo, Agboville and Anyama.

Constraints

- The National Society could not implement activities under this objective due to lack of funding.

Organizational development

Goal 1: The operational capacity of Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable is enhanced.

Goal 2: The financial resources of the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire are consolidated.

Objective 1: The managerial capacities of headquarters officers and heads of projects of local committees have been enhanced.

Objective 2: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire is financially autonomous and is therefore able to respond to the needs of the community.

Achievements

- 19 members from 18 local branches of the National Society benefited from training on organizational development, branch development and project management.
- The National Society equipped four local committees with complete data processing kits.

Impact

- Members from 18 branches who received training will help in enhancing the OD capacities of their respective branches.

Constraints

- Lack of funds.

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APPEAL No. 05AA019

PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/07/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

				TOTAL COVERAGE		
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				846,452		43.0%
OPENING BALANCE				40,460		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				90,000	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				115,000	01.01.05	HUMANITARIAN VALUES, HEALTH
SWITZERLAND - RC				118,429	01.12.04	DM DELEGATE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				363,889	CHF	43.0%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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	