

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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SAHEL SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

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In Brief

Appeal no. 05AA033; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: January to June 2005; Appeal coverage: 36.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 79, 848 (USD 62,381 or EUR 51,581)

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Appeal target: CHF 124,845 (USD 99,200 or EUR 80,400); As a result of merging the Sahel sub-regional office with the Dakar regional delegation, Appeal 05AA033 is now closed and a final financial report will be issued shortly once all accounts have been closed.

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme summary: The Sahel sub-regional office was absorbed into the Dakar regional delegation structure in early 2005. The merger is hoped to reduce the administrative costs of the Federation and further allow for efficient and coordinated service delivery to National Societies and vulnerable groups. Consequently, the regional delegation organigram is being reviewed and job descriptions of the local staff are being aligned to the changes.

During the reporting period, however, the Sahel sub-regional office continued to provide assistance and build capacities of the seven National Societies under its jurisdiction.

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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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Operational developments

The Sahel sub-region is made up of seven countries; Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. Most of these countries often suffer severe drought, soil erosion and environmental degradation due to their proximity to an expanding desert. With concurrent low levels of education, health care and economic development, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger are amongst Africa's five poorest nations. Transport and communication within the region also remains difficult and expensive thus contributing to delays and costly interventions. Some of the countries suffer from prolonged internal conflicts.

Drought is the main threat in the Sahel sub-region, resulting in food insecurity. One UN report estimated that 9.3 million people have been negatively affected by the combined impact of the locusts and reduced rainfall, leading to serious food crises and prompting the workforce to leave their families in search of greener pastures.

The impact of the armed conflict in Cote d'Ivoire was greatly felt in several Sahel countries in 2002-2004. The impact was in the form of thousands of persons long-established in Côte d'Ivoire returning back to Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

Coordination, cooperation, and strategic partnerships

Goal: The Federation offices in West and Central Africa are:

- **Strengthening national societies to deliver services and advocate on behalf of vulnerable people;**
- **Ensuring effective representation and advocacy; and**
- **Building co-ordination, co-operation and strategic partnerships.**

Objective: The Sahel sub-regional office in Dakar is providing an optimal level of service to the sub-region national societies in strategy/programme development, external representation, coordination of resources, co-operation within the Movement and development of new partnerships.

Progress/Achievements

- The regional delegation is addressing the food insecurity crises in the Sahel countries and, together with the National Societies, has carried out preliminary assessments.
- A team comprising of an external consultant and two National Society staff was deployed to Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali and Mauritania to assess the role of the National Societies in responding to the crises and assist them in developing their plans of action.

The Gambia

- From 20-22 June, a meeting with the theme "heath for peace initiative" and another on the Roll Back Malaria project, organised by the Ministry of Health, were held in Gambia. Four countries of the sub-region; Gambia, Senegal, Guinea Bissau and Guinea (Conakry) were joint hosts while Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mauritania and Mali were invited as observers. The meeting was facilitated by the secretariat of Roll Back Partnership and the West Africa Heath Organization.
- The Federation, WHO, Action for West Africa Region (AWARE), West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA¹), UNICEF, and African Development Bank expressed their commitment to supporting the process. At the end of the meeting, the four observer member-countries were accepted as full members.
- A plan of action was elaborated for the eight countries, recommendations were made and their ministries of health signed the "Banjul Declaration". A partnership network for the Roll Back Malaria was created, with UNICEF as the coordinator. The Federation was accepted as a member of the network.

Niger

- The Global Fund project for insecticide treated nets (ITN) distribution integrated Polio campaign was finalized and signed by the Federation and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). The project is projected to be implemented from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2007. The malaria control program of the Niger Ministry of Health and the Centre de Recherche sur les Meningites et les Schistosomes (CERMES) and Institute Pasteur are the secondary beneficiaries.

¹ in French : Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine

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Senegal

- The 2006-2008 strategic development plans, for Senegalese Red Cross Society has been elaborated with the logical framework of health projects. The delegation team facilitated the workshop, in close cooperation with the national staff of Senegalese Red Cross Society, and all the eleven Senegalese Red Cross Society regional branches participated.
- The recruitment exercise for a candidate to replace the head of health department of the Senegalese Red Cross Society is ongoing.

For more detailed activity reports see specific country appeals and their programme updates.

Click on the name of the National Society to access individual Federation web page:

Burkinabe Red Cross Society - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=181>

Red Cross of Cape Verde - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=43>

Gambia Red Cross Society - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=70>

Mali Red Cross - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=112>

Mauritanian Red Crescent - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=114>

Red Cross Society of Niger - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=127>

Senegalese Red Cross Society - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=150>

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05AA033

PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/07/2005

CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				124,845	TOTAL COVERAGE	
					36.0%	
OPENING BALANCE				11,020		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				28,945	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH
IRISH - GOVT	3,250	EUR		5,032	04.02.05	MANAGEMENT & COORDINATION
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				44,997	CHF	36.0%

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	