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## WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

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### In Brief

**Appeal no. 05AA039; Programme Update no. 2, Period covered: July to October 2005; Appeal coverage: 32.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 838,732 (USD 639,277 or EUR 541, 991) - based on the revised appeal budget.**

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**Programme Update no. 1 refer to:** <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA03901.pdf>

**Appeal target: CHF 1, 232,548**

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A**

**Programme summary:** In spite of low funding for 2005 activities, the regional delegation carried out activities under health and care, organizational development, disaster management, international representation and coordination and strategic partnerships. The organizational development and health activities focused on the Sahel countries while disaster management and others covered the entire region, particularly the Niger food insecurity operation.

To cut down on costs, further restructuring was done by merging the Sahel sub-regional office with the regional delegation structure while the Mano River sub-regional office was closed down and the countries formerly under it were re-allocated to the Lagos sub-region and the regional structure. It is hoped that this will drastically reduce administrative costs of the Federation and further allow for efficient and coordinated service delivery to national societies and vulnerable groups.

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## **Operational developments**

Among the challenges the West and Central Africa region is facing are food crises, floods, cholera epidemics and political and social instability. There is also the threat of a bird flu epidemic, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which is worrying due to the lack of means prevailing in Africa.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), drinking water distribution networks are still needed to improve population living standards, whereas in Liberia power and water are two of the top post-elections priorities. Hopefully, ordinary Liberians in the capital- Monrovia, will have piped water in a year's time and electricity six months after that. The electricity infrastructure had been hard hit during the war period. Some power stations are out of commission and many power lines were either destroyed during the war or stolen by the population.

Cholera epidemics are gaining ground in Senegal and Guinea-Bissau. The situation in Senegal has deteriorated due to floods that swept the suburbs of Dakar and some rural areas. Officially announced in early June 2005, the current cholera epidemic in Guinea-Bissau has already caused more than 200 deaths, most of them in the nation's capital, Bissau.

Food could run out within months for thousands of Central Africans who have fled to Chad, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) has warned, saying the refugees' plight "has barely registered" on the world scene. According to a government official, floods swept areas located outside the Central Africa Republic's capital, Bangui in August 2005.

The fight against HIV/AIDS is still going on in the region. The Nigerian government released Naira 90 million (USD 680,000) ahead of the International Conference on AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STI) in Africa, scheduled to run from 4 to 9 December 2005 in Abuja.

## **Disaster management**

**Goal: The impact of disasters on the vulnerable people in West and Central Africa is reduced through the national societies' effective disaster management systems.**

**Objective: The four sub-regional offices are supported in strengthening disaster management capacities of the national societies.**

### **Achievements:**

- Assessment and support missions were carried out in the Sahel countries namely Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali (the most affected countries from food insecurity). As a result, an Appeal was launched on 22 July 2005 for these countries. The Plan of action was revised on 7 August 2005, to assist 536,000 of the most vulnerable. The Sahel operation has provided an opportunity to Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) members from Mauritania, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Congo-Kinshasa, Congo-Brazzaville, Guinea, Togo and Nigeria to be deployed and to work together with international Delegates in assisting the national societies to implement activities during the operation. The cooperation between the West and Central Africa regional delegation and the North Africa delegation has allowed RDRT members from the North Africa region (Algeria) to be deployed to the Sahel operation in support of the disaster response.
- The RDRT concept is being reviewed with development of Standardized Operating Procedures (SOPs) through a task force set by the regional delegation. A member of the disaster management (DM) team of the regional delegation participated in the RDRT training organized by the Southern Africa regional delegation for in Namibia. This enhanced the cooperation between the two regions and provided valuable input for the regional delegation in RDRT deployment procedures.
- The regional delegation has monitored the situation in Guinea-Bissau regarding the presidential elections and the cholera outbreak through support missions and Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocation to support the cholera operation. Technical assistance to address cholera outbreak was also provided to the Mauritanian Red Crescent.
- Technical support to the Senegalese Red Cross Society focused on contingency planning for possible population movements from Guinea-Bissau (elections) and Mauritania (coup d'État). This was done in

close coordination and collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), other Movement's partners as well as the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

- In Senegal, the Federation participated also in a national simulation exercise in Fatick together with the Senegalese Red Cross Society and national relief organizations (known as ORSEC). This exercise was very important as later floods occurred in Dakar and Senegalese Red Cross society was part of the ORSEC. A DREF was approved to support the Plan of action of the Senegal Red Cross Society to assist the most affected. This was done in coordination with the Danish Red Cross which provided non-food items.
- The cholera epidemic affecting many countries in West Africa is under close monitoring by the RD. The regional delegation health officer is preparing a Plan of action in close cooperation with OCHA to define the role of the national societies and the Federation and necessary activities to prevent a further spreading of the disease and assist the most vulnerable.
- The regional delegation has participated in the inter-agency country contingency planning meeting for Senegal for all types of disasters.
- With regard to persisting instability in West Africa, especially in view of elections in Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso and potential population movements, the regional delegation has developed a Plan of action to assist 6 concerned national societies in contingency planning and to develop a regional contingency plan. The concerned national societies are the ones of Ghana, Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. A DREF was approved by Geneva Secretariat to support the Plan of action and the whole programme has become part of the ECHO thematic funding. In this respect, the regional delegation has participated in the inter-agency contingency planning related to the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire and the neighboring countries organized by OCHA in Dakar from September 9 to 10, 2005.
- The regional delegation is also preparing a strategy to support some national societies to develop food security projects in the coming month with DFID funds. A first mission has been undertaken in The Gambia to develop a Plan of action with The Gambian Red Cross.
- The DM Team of the regional delegation provided technical support to the Sierra Leone Delegation and Sierra Leone Red Cross Society for their emergency response to the floods affected people in Pujehun District. The DM Coordinator has conducted out a mission, in which she also supported the capacity building exercise with respect to DM.
- CHF100, 000 were approved and allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the Jalingo Floods in Nigeria. The Nigerian Red Cross and the International Federation associated their efforts technically and operationally towards disaster response to the floods in Taraba State, Nigeria to provide immediate non-food and dry food relief assistance to 500 most affected and vulnerable families touched by the Jalingo flood disaster in Taraba State of Nigeria. The DM delegate from regional delegation conducted out a mission for rapid assessment and technical support to the national society.
- The impact of this operation was very significant. The starving and sad Internally Displaced Persons IDPs rejuvenated with smiling faces and started bubbling with heightened hope and assurances having received 30 days' period food relief items in all the 3 IDPs camps: Magami, Mafindi and Lamorde. These skyrocketed the already earned good images of Red Cross with more awareness and recognition by the entire concerned citizens of Taraba State. Collaboration and coordination between UNICEF, WHO, Taraba State Emergency and Relief Committee, NEMA and other stakeholders like Police, etc., enhanced the Disaster Management capacities of the national society. EFAT capacity has tremendously increased the value of the national society in reducing vulnerability as demonstrated during the response activities of Jalingo floods operation in Taraba State. Many stakeholders in emergency response activities were able to identify Red Cross as a reliable partner as they shared our experience, data and advice.
- With regard to the Togolese Refugee Operation in Benin, the regional delegation continued the operation in the camps. The DM Coordinator carried out a mission in July to provide support and assistance to the operation on DM matters (Sphere standards, etc.).
- Technical assistance was also provided to the Chad Delegation with regard to the recent refugee influx from the Central African Republic into Chad.
- The regional delegation issued Information Bulletins on disasters and operations update from the different disasters occurring in the region (Floods in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Floods, Central Africa Republic, etc).

## **Health and Care**

### **Cholera**

The current wave of cholera outbreaks in the West and Central Africa region started in April 2005, and became highly serious in June 2005. By late September 2005, over 31,000 cases and 517 deaths were already reported in eight countries (Burkina Faso, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal)<sup>1</sup>. Today the situation has affected more countries including Gambia, DR Congo, Cameroon and Sao Tome & Principe. For some of these countries, such as Senegal, the disease has become almost endemic. In addition to the human suffering, cholera outbreaks cause panic, disrupt the social and economic structure of affected communities, put tremendous strain on already precarious health systems and impede the development process.

Through DREF applications and ongoing health programmes, the Federation supported the concerned national society to contribute successfully to the cholera operation in their countries, closely coordinated with their Ministries of Health (MoH) and other partners like UN agencies.

Faced with such an emergency, the Dakar regional delegation immediately moved up to support the national societies of the affected countries in their actions against the disease hand in hand with their national governments. Plans of action were developed for Senegal and neighbouring Gambia, for Niger, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Mauritania, Cameroon, and Congo with the technical and financial support of the Federation regional delegation for West & Central Africa: the content of such plans of action focused on the specific skills of the Red Cross volunteers to carry out sensitization, including social mobilization, Information Education Communication (IEC), Communication for Behavioural Change (BCC) positively and sustainably.

### **Participation in external meetings**

The International Federation regional delegation for West & Central Africa through its regional health officer, is a member of the sub-regional working group on GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccine & Immunization), with all the regional partners on vaccination promotion and action such as WHO Regional Office for West & Central Africa, AFRO, UNICEF Regional Office, Rotary International, USAID.

A “Health for Peace Initiative” (HPI) knowledge sharing meeting on malaria was held in Gambia On 20-22 June 2005). The Federation was represented by the Head of regional delegation and the regional health officer. There were participants from the following HPI countries in West Africa namely: the Gambia, Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, and Sierra Leone. These include Directors of Medical Services in the Ministries of Health and malaria control programme managers.

Other participants included representatives from WAHO, RBM Partnership Secretariat Geneva, WHO/AFRO, UNICEF WACRO, AWARE/RH, RAOTAP II, ADB.

The main objective of the meeting was to share good experiences and practices in our response to malaria between the participating countries. The HPI member states engage to undertake the following follow-up actions to the Banjul HPI meeting:

- Immediate Action :
  - Introduction of Artemicinine-based combination Treatment (ACT) as first line drug.
  - Resource mobilization for the provision of ACTs.
  - Exchange visit to Sierra Leone on ACTs regarding ACT implementation at facility level.
- Scaling up of Insecticide treatment nets (ITNs).
- Scaling up of intermittent presumptive treatment (IPT).
  - Exchange visit to Senegal to learn on IPT scaling up.
- Disseminate finding of the Peer Health Education Malaria programme to HPI countries.
- Use of Self Assessment framework at divisional and community level.
- Training of Middle Level Managers on vector biology.
- Mobilize resources for HPI Initiative malaria control action.
  - Review, finalize and submit African Development Bank proposal for HPI countries.
  - Strengthen HPI Secretariat for effective co-ordination of activities.

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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization (2005).

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- Set up a data base for coordination of malaria control in the sub-region.

At the end of the meeting, a plan of action was elaborated for the 8 countries, recommendations defined and the 8 Ministries of Health signed the Banjul declaration. Global and regional RBM Partners present (IFRC, WAHO, WHO/AFRO, UNICEF WACRO, AWARE/RH, RAOTAP II, and AFDB) engaged to support the Plan of Action outlined in the Banjul Declaration. A partnership network for the Roll Back Malaria was created, coordinated by UNICEF. The Federation a member of this network.

### **Niger Malaria poliomyelitis integrated project**

The main objective is to prevent child death and illness from malaria and vaccination diseases in Niger through distribution of mosquito nets to all children under 5 participating in the poliomyelitis campaign that will be carried out in Niger from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2005. The regional delegation made technical and financial contributions.

The sustainability of the rapid scale-up of ITN coverage will be achieved by follow-up of ITNs through Red Cross village volunteers and other community-based efforts and, where present, by social marketing projects or similar efforts coordinated by the National Malaria Control Programme and funded by earlier GFATM (Global Funds for Aids Tuberculosis and Malaria) malaria funds and by RBM (Roll Back Malaria) partners.

## **Organizational Development**

### **Background and Achievements**

**Goal: The National Societies implement sustainable programmes with a positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable with the support of the regional delegation.**

**Objective: The four sub-regional offices are supported to bring a cohesive approach that will help develop and improve the quality of management in national societies programmes and resources.**

### **Expected Results**

1. Good management systems, practices and policies are in place and applied by the targeted national societies.
2. Policies on human, financial and material resources have been developed and are used by national societies.
3. An impact analysis is done on the PPP trainings.
4. Targeted national societies and those emerging from crisis have received training in good governance and management practices.
5. The IT and telecom system and the logistics management of the national societies have improved.
6. The national societies' financial and narrative reporting has improved.

### **Achievements:**

- A governance and management workshop was organised in four Sahel national societies.
- A restructuring process of Ghana Red Cross is under process and a Governance workshop is planned for 2006 (the terms of reference have been submitted to Swiss Red Cross and to ICRC).
- A voluntary service plan of action is elaborated for West and Central Africa national societies.
- A voluntary service policy development process is being developed in four Sahel national societies (terms of reference developed and appointment of a volunteer focal point in progress).

### **Reporting**

During the reporting period, all 24 national societies in West and Central Africa, the four regional offices and the regional delegation were assisted to do several *Information Bulletins*, Minor Emergencies and Emergency Appeals, Operation Updates, Programme Updates and Final Reports. The reporting department attended the appeal planning process in July and did knowledge sharing on the appeal planning process. This was a three month process involving collecting appeal documents, reading them, editing and giving feed-back to various national societies, delegation and regions regarding the content and structure of their appeals.

Furthermore, the reporting department coordinated the appeal planning process for 2006-2007. During the delegation management meeting in early October, the reporting department briefed the management team on the

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status of the appeal process as well as on expectations regarding Programme Updates no 2 and Annual Reports. Information on outstanding reports in the region was shared as well.

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

**Goal: Coordination and cooperation amongst the regional national societies have been developed and strengthened due to the increased support to the working groups.**

**Objective: The four working groups are supported in the development of their local expertise, capacity building, knowledge and information sharing.**

#### **Expected Results:**

1. The concept of working groups in West Africa is finalized and harmonized with the Central Africa coordination committee.
2. The ToR and structures of the working groups are reviewed based on lessons learned from the past two years.
3. Mechanism for cross-border cooperation, coordination, knowledge sharing and human resources exchange among national societies are established and supported.
4. The linkages and working modalities between the regional delegation and other regional structures including working groups are defined.
5. The participation of national societies' representatives in the management decision-making process of the region is effective (management meetings of the Regional Delegation).
6. The national societies have their strategic development plan reviewed or elaborated.
7. The national society trained on organizational development, health and disaster management are identified for cross-border human resources exchange.

#### **Sahel Operation**

- The Presidents and Secretary Generals of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, involved in the Sahel Operation attended a meeting held on September 22 in Niamey, Niger.
- After a mid-term assessment of the Federation's Appeal launched on July 22, 2005, they recommended to:
- Make a plea for the continuation of resource mobilization.
- Update the Appeal and the national societies Strategic Plans.
- Start implementing the operation's plan of action in Mauritania and in the other concerned countries.
- Adopt an integrated approach on Food Security, Health-Nutrition, HIV-AIDS, accordingly to the Movement's Strategies (Strategy 2010, ARCHI 2010, Ouagadougou Declaration and Algiers Plan of Action).
- Set up a sub-regional disaster response structure
- Strengthen the framework of cooperation and strategic partnership within the Sahel operation.

#### **Working Groups**

- The TOR of the West and Central Africa management team has been revised, adopted and put into use. The ToRs also reflected the need to ensure transparent management decision-making processes. This includes the involvement of the national societies as members of the regional management team. The national societies in West and Central Africa were represented at the last management meeting in September. Two PNS representatives working in the region also participated in the management meeting pending the nomination of permanent representatives by the PNSs themselves.
- The national societies from across the region have been providing their trained human resources mainly to support relief operations in the region. This includes the Togolese refugee's assistance programme in Benin and the Sahel food Security Operation. The initial assessments and activation of the two operations were carried out by members of Emergency Response Teams in West and Central Africa under the coordination of the Federation regional delegation. Presently, the majority of those staff working in both the Sahel and Benin operations are national society's staff and volunteers from the region.

**Participating National Societies (PNS)**

- By mid-August, the Netherlands Red Cross Representative started his mission. He will coordinate NLRC activities in the region and formulate a programme on national society capacity building in the Mano River region. One of the major challenges is to facilitate exchange of experiences and accountability among national societies, a responsibility which lies with the IFRC. Hence, the decision was made to operate from the Dakar delegation.
- Other PNS are also active in capacity building in the region, which underlines the importance of increased coherence in approach (provided it leaves space for manoeuvre in different contexts and for new insights and ideas), but - above all - improved communication. For this reason, the NLRC representative will participate in a PNS meeting on this subject in October in Stockholm.
- At this and other levels it will also be discussed whether higher levels efficiency can be attained through communication and cooperation with external development oriented organizations, specialized in capacity building of local organizations. These organizations are not only specialized in offering services on Organizational Strengthening and Institutional Development, but they also have offices in the most countries under operation and can provide these services on a continuous basis at minimal costs.

**Effective Representation and Advocacy**

**Goal: The Federation is well-known as a credible and effective voice on humanitarian issues in West and Central Africa.**

**Objective: The regional delegation assists the sub-regional offices and the National Societies to undertake advocacy work with governments and other institutions through established mechanisms.**

**Expected Results:**

1. The regional delegation is actively participating in the inter-agency coordination structures at regional level.
2. The Federation is one of the leading humanitarian organizations in the region.
3. National societies maintain effective partnerships with UN agencies and international organizations.
4. National societies are well positioned as auxiliaries to their respective governments.
5. The role and importance of the Red Cross in the region is recognized and consequently funding is increased.
6. Governments and national societies implement the commitments made during regional and international conferences.

**World Food Programme (WFP)**

In the framework of the elaboration of the five-year development programme (2007-2011) for Senegal, the Food Aid Organization of the United Nations System organized a meeting in July 2005, which gathered the representatives of most of the NGOs in the region including IFRC Dakar regional delegation representation. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and share their respective experiences in their areas of intervention. Several presentations related to education, health/nutrition, illiteracy, and disaster preparedness have been discussed and a round-table of all humanitarian organizations allowed the attendants to give their inputs about the different proposals. At the end of the session, recommendations have been made in order to improve the draft plan.

**Main achievements through Federation intervention and support**

Prior to the social mobilization, the following preparatory activities have been executed:

- Planned meetings with the social mobilization commission of the MoH and the UN system in order to harmonize the key messages delivered.
- Identification of volunteers who have been involved.
- Establishment and duplication of social mobilization management tools.
- Training of volunteers in door-to-door mobilization technique.
- Coordination of daily briefings with branch supervisors.

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Due to the proximity of affected countries and the bordering areas, as well as the many cross border population movements, was crucial to establish a coordinated response plan of action amongst the different countries affected for a maximum impact of the actions undertaken.

The Federation regional delegation for West & Central Africa identified health officers from the national in the region to work with the regional delegation health officer to set up a regional strategy, and see how to continue and strengthen the support to the national societies in the cholera affected countries.

The Federation Delegation for West & Central Africa regional strategy on cholera outbreak is already elaborated and under process to be shared with all concerned in the region and with Geneva Secretariat. The document will be adopted during the coming regional health meeting in December 2005.

Additionally, UNICEF, WHO and their national government partners, primarily the MoH, as well as NGOs in the region decided to launch a regional flash appeal on October 2005 for Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Sao Tome & Principe and Senegal for six months following the outbreak of cholera in the West Africa region. The regional delegation has been actively participating in the inter-agencies regional health committee put in place for this purpose.

### **Achievements:**

- The regional delegation has effectively participated in the inter-agency coordination meetings organized by OCHA regional office in Dakar with the support of WHOM as the lead agency. The delegation has also participated in several technical working group meetings or task forces on health including cholera and disaster management. The delegation was also represented at several briefings and discussions during OCHA partnership meetings.
- The efforts of putting together the regional and national inter-agencies Contingency Planning for Côte d'Ivoire and its 5 neighbouring countries has also been supported by the Federation regional delegation for West and Central Africa. From attending the inter-agencies Contingency Planning workshop with all the concerned countries representatives, there has also been a full participation of the regional delegation during the monthly technical and coordination meetings.
- The Federation regional delegation has also assisted the national societies of Côte d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone during negotiations and implementation of projects with the EU and the United Nations. The Delegation is presently engaged in dialogue with several partners including UNICEF and ECHO for possible partnerships. However, it is important to underscore the fact that not much was achieved due to inadequate human resources at the regional delegation which is now being addressed.

## **Governance Support**

**Goal: National societies of West and Central Africa region are effectively represented in the Federation Board and other statutory bodies of the Movement.**

**Objective: The regional delegation facilitates the effective participation of members of governing boards and other statutory bodies in the board and commission meetings and other activities.**

### **Expected Results:**

1. Board and Commission members participate effectively in board commission meetings.
2. Board and Commission member's assist and advice national societies on governance issues.

### **Achievements:**

- The board member representing the region received briefing and administrative support through the Sierra Leone delegation that enabled him to participate in the regular board meetings.
- The Delegation facilitated the mission of the board member to assist and advice Guinea Red Cross on governance issues.
- The Presidents of West and Central African national societies attended a meeting held in Dakar in the framework of the Seoul General Assembly. The main objective of the meeting was to agree on a common approach and the main topics.

## Delegation management

**Goal: A robust and accountable regional delegation is providing efficient and effective services to the Sub-regional offices, Delegations and national societies in West and Central Africa.**

**Objective: A management structure is established and maintained to provide services and support to the sub-regional Offices, national societies and Federation operations on human resource, financial management, IT and telecom, information, reporting and logistics.**

### Expected Results:

1. A new organizational chart has been developed and put into effective use, with relevant job descriptions for all locally recruited staff both in the regional delegation and offices.
2. Personnel management systems are streamlined with the appropriate recruitment, training and management procedures put in place for the different categories of staff in the region (local and regional recruitment).
3. Programme support staff for information, reporting and IT and Telecom have been recruited and trained.
4. The regional offices rationalize the use of their staff and keep personnel costs to the minimum.

### Achievements:

- An interim organizational chart has been developed and is presently being used. Revision of staff job descriptions has been initiated as well as performance review of all staff. The development of a new grading system based on job responsibilities, qualifications and experience using and comparing the grading from similar institutions in the region has been initiated and will be finalized upon arrival of the administration delegate. Additional staff has started arriving at the regional delegation including administration delegate, and programme coordinator. The team will soon be joined by a regional grant manager, logistics and IT delegates. The regional grant manager will assist the regional delegation and national societies in the region to mobilize resources. This will include support in establishing and maintaining partnerships with ECHO and other inter governmental institutions with funding possibilities. The lack of capacity within the region in the preparation and reporting on grants has been a major concern to the regional delegation.
- Support staffs have been recruited at the regional delegation including reporting officer, Information officer and IT assistant. Training and induction for the newly recruited staff is in progress. However, the Delegation has continued to use the services of regionally recruited consultants from the national society to help in programme implementation and in carrying out missions and other strategic tasks. Several RDRT deployments were undertaken in the region, including the current Sahel Food Security operation, Benin/Togolese refugee operation and cholera prevention interventions in the region.
- The regional delegation has been playing a pivotal role in facilitating PNS working in the region. It is currently providing office space and administrative support to Netherlands Red Cross whose regional delegate is currently based at the Federation regional delegation offices in Dakar. This has also facilitated effective discussions and coordination with the other bilateral partners working in the region. Other PNSs have also requested for similar support from the Federation regional delegation. The regional delegation is currently exploring the possibilities of moving from the existing offices as the rent has increased, whilst the space is limited and will not adequately meet the current and future needs of Federation and PNS staff.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05AA039

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

20/12/2005

### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	1,232,548				<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b>
					<b>32.0%</b>
OPENING BALANCE	93,088				
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT	25,000	01.01.05			REGIONAL COOPERATION
IRISH - GOVT 32,496 EUR	50,320	04.02.05			REGIONAL COOPERATION
IRISH - GOVT 32,496 EUR	50,320	04.02.05			REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM
IRISH - GOVT 12,998 EUR	20,128	04.02.05			PPP TRAINING
SWEDISH - GOVT 650,000 SEK	107,900	07.07.05			DISASTER MANAGEMENT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ COORDINATION & IMPLEMENTATION
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - RC 5,000 USD	5,660	19.04.05			MALI: LOCUSTS
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH</b>	<b>352,416</b>	<b>CHF</b>			<b>28.6%</b>

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SPAIN	DELEGATE(S)			10,800		
GERMANY	DELEGATE(S)			30,600		
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES</b>				<b>41,400</b>	<b>CHF</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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