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The Federation's vision is to strive, through voluntary action, for a world of empowered communities, better able to address human suffering and crises with hope, respect for dignity and a concern for equity. Its mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 183 countries.

In Brief

Programme Update no. 1.

Period covered: January to April 2006.

This Programme Update revises the 2006 budget from CHF 4,645,000 to CHF 5,292,000.

Original Appeal target: CHF 8,820,000 (USD 6,723,000 or EUR 5,700,000).

Revised Appeal target: CHF 9,467,814 (USD 7,697,000 or EUR 6,030,000)

Appeal coverage (Based on the revised budget): 13%.

Outstanding needs (Based on the revised budget): CHF 8,237,000 (USD 6,697,000 or EUR 5,246,000).

Appeal 2006-2007: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA61002.pdf>

[<Click here to go directly to the attached revised appeal budget>](#)

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The programmes herein are aligned with the Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission:

- *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
- *Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*

Programme summary: In 1998, the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) appealed for support to move its national headquarters to Abuja Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The relocation of the NRCS headquarters to the capital of Nigeria was to enable the national society to maintain its presence in order to interact, as well as create networks and linkages with relevant government agencies, such as the United Nations (UN) agencies and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs). The decision to move the national headquarters of the NS was also in line with the Federal government directive that all organizations should have their headquarters in Abuja FCT. The NRCS appeal was supported by the British Red Cross with an allocation of CHF 68,707 which has not been utilized to-date.

The NRCS continues to play a major role in assisting vulnerable people at the grass-root despite inadequate and late release of funds for programmes. First aid training was conducted for leaders of the Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs). The NS organized partners' meeting in February 2006 with the Federation, the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), the British Red Cross and the Swedish Red Cross. The review of the NS statutes is on-going and is jointly supported by the ICRC and the Federation.

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During the reporting period, about 378 volunteers mobilized over 2.6 million children aged under five for the first and second rounds of the immunization exercise. They also evacuated and provided first aid to victims of communal clashes in Plateau State and responded to a number of emergencies such as collapsed buildings and clashes in Lagos.

With the support of the Federation, the NRCS is participating in the control of the Avian Flu outbreak in collaboration with the federal government, World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other partners.

The Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) HIV/AIDS programme was one of the major projects supported by the Federation; it started in 2002 and ended in 2004. However in 2005, funds were made available for a baseline survey on home-based care and community-based first aid training (CBFA) in the Central and Great Accra regions.

USD 5,000 was allocated to GRCS to enable it to organize a General Assembly and USD 32,000 was allocated for the restructuring exercise of the national society. A new Secretary General has been recruited. While other key positions such as finance and administration, information and resource are yet to be filled. Most programmes such as the youth project and the HIV/AIDS project have to come to an end due to lack of funding.

The Togolese Red Cross and the Red Cross of Benin are still facing funding problems and this has crippled activities for the past two years.

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Nigeria

Operational developments

Nigeria is Africa's biggest oil producer exporting 2.5 million barrels of crude daily, but more than 70 percent of the population subsists on less than USD 1 daily. Recently more than 150 people were killed while scavenging fuel when a ruptured fuel pipeline exploded and caught fire near Nigeria's biggest city of Lagos, police and health officials said. Public health workers and Nigerian Red Cross officials picking up bodies at the scene said they found no survivors when they arrived at the site, where bodies were scattered over a wide area. Scores of corpses burnt beyond recognition were buried in a mass grave dug by health workers at the site. Most of the victims of these pipeline fires are usually the poor.

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The socio-political environment of Nigeria did not hinder the activities of the Nigeria Red Cross Society (NRCS). Political activities for the next general elections have taken prominence across the country. This has created a little tension but also prepared the NRCS response teams in case of any event. Activities in the 37 branches of the NRCS were ongoing in the midst of the relative tensions. The NRCS had to sustain its image and reputation as the leading humanitarian organization in the country. During the period, the NS– through its branches– implemented programmes such as HIV/AIDS, polio eradication campaign, activities on School Units (SUs), Mothers' Clubs (MCs), Health Action Teams (HATs) and youth development among others.

The implementation of programmes supported by the Federation was low in the first quarter due to funding constraints. Programme officers and branches have, however been busy with ongoing programmes, including monitoring and follow-up. With the support from the Federation, the NS organized a sensitization workshop for its staff and volunteers with technical support of the Ministries of health, agriculture and information, World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other stakeholders.

Nigerian Red Cross Society is yet to have its own national headquarters office in Abuja and is currently occupying buildings that are on lease. The proposal to develop its national training centre, in Suleja is in progress with the architectural design and proposal for feasibility studies completed. Respective donors have been identified and the project implementation is expected to commence in June 2006.

Health and care

Not much was done at the headquarters level due to lack of funds. Funds had not been released for planned programmes at the time of reporting. However, there has been continuation of activities that started earlier especially at the branches. Peer education, HIV/AIDS home-based care and counselling were on going at the branches as well as MC, HATS, SU and first aid activities.

Branches carried out humanitarian activities on their own, with a few with other organizations. The coordination of the activities is done at the headquarters level.

Goal: Morbidity and mortality rate among vulnerable people in Nigeria is reduced.

Objective 1 Community-based health programme (CBHP): The capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to deliver efficient services and improve the health of the vulnerable is increased by the end of 2007.

Progress/Achievements:

Expected result 1: The Nigerian Red Cross Society gains increased visibility, recognition and relevance to more people in the social context.

Training on competence-based first aid for the Emergency First Aid Teams (EFATs) had commenced and is on going. This will make the members of the team more competent in current first aid practice. A planned revision of the NRCS first aid manual will be done immediately funding has been obtained.

Expected result 2: All the branches have established and benefited from the MC's community health activities.

MC's in branches all over the country have continued to carry out health education and income generating activities for their members. Meanwhile, planning for new activities in 2006 is on going. MC's were actively involved in mother-to-mother peer-education and inter-personal communication in the current and ongoing national immunization campaigns of the polio eradication initiative (PEI).

Expected result 3: Red Cross school units, road safety clubs and HATs have implemented community-based activities.

These activities are currently being carried out in all 37 branches of the NRCS.

Expected result 4: The Nigerian Red Cross Society capacity to effectively deliver assistance to vulnerable people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) or persons affected by HIV/AIDS and to reduce the HIV/AIDS spread among the general population is increased.

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HIV/AIDS activities on peer education (PE), counselling and home-based care (HBC) are still on going at the branches. The reporting tools for PE, HBC and counselling have been reviewed to enhance quality and prompt reporting.

Health programme officers have undertaken monitoring and supervision visits for the health programmes in branches of the NRCS, particularly the 24 branches implementing HIV/AIDS projects. A workshop on monitoring and reporting tools for the HIV/AIDS project was conducted for the 24 projects branches with technical and financial support of the British Red Cross.

Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI)

Objective: Polio Eradication in Nigeria is attained by 2007 through the Nigerian Red Cross Society's contribution.

About 400 volunteers of the NRCS carried out a social mobilization campaign in the first and second rounds of immunization exercise, between February and March 2006, in eight high-risk states (Sokoto, Kaduna, Kebbi, Kano, Zamfara, Jigawa, Bauchi and Katsina); over 2.6 million children were mobilized. The NRCS collaborated with other partners, through the Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC), in developing a new strategy for the two rounds of Sub-National Immunization Days (SNIDs) re-tagged Immunization Plus Days (IPDs). This involved child health interventions strategies and the use of multi-antigens to strengthen routine immunization using fixed post. This initiative has also necessitated the revision of the 2006 appeal budget.

Avian influenza (AI) control

Objective: To contribute to the containment of Avian Influenza and prevention/preparedness for human influenza pandemic in Nigeria through mobilization and awareness campaigns.

The NRCS joined the government and other stakeholders in the control and prevention of the Avian Influenza (AI) in February 2006. The national headquarter of the NS has distributed the WHO guidelines provided by the Federation to all the 37 branches. In addition to the workshop organized by the NRCS for its staff and volunteers from the 13 affected states, the NS is continuing to collaborate with government and other partners in designing a contingency plan, community mobilization, development and production of information, education and communication (IEC) materials for the prevention /control of the AI.

The NRCS has developed a plan of action (PoA) for the control of AI, with technical and financial support from the Federation regional delegation in Dakar and the Secretariat. The government has recognized and appreciated the role of NRCS and has co-opted the NS in the relevant committees set up for the control and prevention of the AI.

Accelerated measles control

Following a measles control workshop for all the branches in the north in December 2005, a debriefing exercise was carried out early this year for the 20 states of Northern Nigeria that participated in the exercise. This has helped in reviewing the challenges, constraints and problems encountered by the branches to enhance and improve the NS's intervention in the subsequent exercise proposed for 17 branches in Southern Nigeria in September 2006.

The NRCS PoA and budget have been jointly reviewed with UNICEF; which has also released by funds. The NS is currently developing a volunteer field guide for the forthcoming exercise, in collaboration with the Social Mobilization Working Group of the ICC.

Impact

- The number of volunteers trained in competence-based first aid has increased. Trained EFAT members and other volunteers have been able to deliver quality first aid services, to save lives and to promote quick recovery. There is an increased awareness at the branches and this had helped in maintaining quality assurance of current first aid concept. Volunteers enrolled in school units and road safety clubs have increased and there has been empowerment of members in first aid hygiene and sanitation as well as increased awareness of road safety.
- Volunteers' capacities on epidemics surveillance, prevention and control have been strengthened through training of HAT members. Activities of MCs have improved the living standards of members and other

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rural women in the communities. These activities have also improved participation of women in health and related social development projects in the various communities.

- A total of 849 volunteers of the NRCS actively participated in the mobilization of children during the accelerated measles control and this was recognized and appreciated by government and other stakeholders.
- Activities of the NRCS in HIV/AIDS prevention have contributed to the reduction of the spread of the virus in target schools and communities. There is an increase in the number of PLWHA with access to home-based care of the NS and stigmatization is also being reduced. In addition, the NS capacity to prevent/control AI has been strengthened.

Constraints

- Programmes supported by the Federation have been inadequately funded this year and funding for projects such as PEI is still being sourced. Receiving prompt retirements from branches is still a big challenge.
- Movement of the NRCS headquarter to Abuja has greatly affected planning and coordination of programmes.
- The absence of a head of sub-regional office and/or Federation delegate is contributing to the delay in release of funds.
- The increase in reported cases of Wild Polio Virus (WPV) in Nigeria is attributed to combination of causes including low routine immunization coverage reducing the immunity levels (especially in previously polio-free areas), higher number of missing children, prolonged polio safety controversy and inadequate levels of community participation.

Disaster management

The revised disaster management (DM) manual for the NRCS has been distributed and is in use. Training of branch EFAT members on first aid was continued from 2005 in the seven targeted branches. The refresher course for all branch DM coordinators and team leaders on zonal basis, with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), has been undertaken for branches in Kano and Ibadan. Plans for the Niger Delta pilot DM initiative have been finalized. The PoA and budget of the DM programme supported by the Federation, have been revised based on approved findings.

Goal: Vulnerable people receive sustainable, focused and responsive services.

Objective: The capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to effectively reduce vulnerability, prepare and respond to disaster and is increased.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The vulnerability of people affected by disasters is reduced.

Volunteers of the NRCS intervened following the collapse of the Bank of Industry (BoI) and some other buildings in Ijora Badia, Lagos. The NS was on hand to attend to victims of clashes in Ketu, and the oil pipeline explosion in Ilado, Lagos. The EFAT members in Plateau State have provided first aid services and participated in the rescue and evacuation of casualties during the plateau communal crisis.

Expected result 2: The efficiency and effectiveness of Nigerian Red Cross Society emergency response is increased.

There was competence-based first aid training for leaders of EFATs in the seven branches of Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Kano, Kaduna, Edo and Enugu. A NRCS officer participated in a seminar organized by the Economic Commission of West Africa States (ECOWAS). The NRCS was represented at the Field Assessments Coordination Teams (FACT)/Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) refresher/review organized by the Secretariat in Archamps, France. The revised DM manual has been distributed and is currently utilized by staff and volunteers.

Expected result 3: The capacity of vulnerable people is strengthening.

The PoA and budget for pilot DM project for three coastal states of Rivers, Cross-Rivers and Akwa-Ibom have been reviewed and finalized. The British Red Cross has released funds for the implementation of the project.

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Impact

The NRCS remains the lead in providing humanitarian assistance in Nigeria, through prompt and effective response to emergencies by trained and dedicated volunteers.

Skills and capacity of NS staff and volunteers in DM have been improved through training, networking and partnerships.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: The Humanitarian Values of the Movement are widely shared and understood, resulting in increased tolerance, mutual understanding and respect of the human dignity in Nigeria.

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross Society capacity to promote the Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values is increased.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: There is greater understanding of Humanitarian Values and of the Movement's Fundamental Principles within the national society.

The NRCS, in collaboration with ICRC, continues to educate the NS members, staff and volunteers on Humanitarian Values and Fundamental Principles.

Expected result 2: The profile and image of the national society as a national humanitarian organization is further increased.

During the reporting period, the NRCS organized media briefings and other activities to mark the World Red Cross/Red Crescent Day on 8 May 2006. The NS continued to disseminate to the public its activities through the media, and on its website.

Impact

There is further improvement in the awareness of the activities of the NS among the members of the public.

Constraint

The NS has not received the support it needs from the Federation to promote its activities in relation to Humanitarian Values.

Organizational development

The NRCS did not carry out any major OD activities at the headquarters, except at the branches where volunteer development and recruitment have been on-going. The review exercise of the NS constitution and other statutory matters is still in progress.

Goal: Vulnerability of people is reduced due to an increased programme and services delivery capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross Society's capacity to provide sustainable, focused and responsive services to the vulnerable is improved.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: Strategic planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and reporting skills of headquarters, zonal and branches are improved.

Programme officers and management staff at the headquarters held monthly meetings to review and plan future activities.

Expected result 2: The branch structure and management are developed.

The planned training for all divisional training advisers in the branches has not been implemented due to lack of funds. The training is still needed for members of the governance in the branches to enable them properly manage volunteers at the communities.

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Expected result 3: Ability to generate financial resources and broaden sources of funding is improved.

Fundraising plans are currently being developed and one fundraising event was held in Lagos. Pledges are being followed up and there are plans to conduct similar fundraising initiatives in other cities.

Expected result 4: Volunteer management development is improved.

A workshop for divisional volunteers was planned for the period, but had to be postponed till this quarter as funds were not available.

Expected result 5: The national society youth programme development and structure is improved.

Youth members and volunteers met at a National Youth Convention in Anambra State. Youth development activities are on going at the branches.

Expected result 6: Governance better understands and practices its role.

The NRCS, in collaboration with the ICRC and Federation, is continuing the review of its statutes which started in 2005. The Annual General Meeting of the NS was held in April 2006. The NS governance also held its statutory quarterly sub-committees meeting.

Impact

Governance awareness of their responsibilities has further increased. The NS has continued to involve the youth in the scheme of things.

Constraints

- The proposed movement of the national headquarters to Abuja has greatly affected programme coordination and reporting.
- Lack of a well functioning office in Abuja has lowered staff efficiency and effectiveness.
- Funding for OD programme is very low this year and is yet to be released by the Federation.

Relocation of Nigerian Red Cross national headquarters to Abuja Federal capital territory (FCT)

Since the allocation of CHF 68,707 by the British Red Cross in 1998, the NS has not yet utilized the funds due to its inability to acquire a suitable land for its national headquarters in Abuja FCT. However, the NS is now in the process of developing its national training centre (NTC), in Suleja, about 20 kilometres north of Abuja. The NTC will be funded through the Build Operate and Transfer Scheme (BOT) by property developers and will revert to the NS after 15 years. Part of the developed property will be used by NRCS as its national headquarter office in Abuja.

The NS is to contribute some money to the project in form of feasibility study, architectural design and approved process. The project is expected to be completed within 18 months of its commencement which is tentatively fixed for June 2006. The proposed development of the NTC will provide the NS an opportunity to have its headquarter close to Abuja FCT and to raise funds to cover its core costs.

Objective: To contribute to the development of the Nigerian Red Cross Society's national headquarter in Abuja FCT.

Expected results:

- Provide office accommodation for Nigerian Red Cross in Abuja.
- Provide income generation opportunity for Nigerian Red Cross Society.

Ghana

Operational developments

The rise in the fuel prices over the reporting period has led to increases as far as budget lines are concerned. However, inflation has been going down steadily; from 13.5 in February to 9.1 in March and to 9.5 in April. These events have not had any significant effect on Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) activities.

The national society has a Secretary General who is currently at post. This is important because the Society has been without a substantive head for the past four years. This past development kept some donors at bay.

Health and care

Progress of the health and care programmes has been slow due to funding limitations. However some activities have been implemented thanks to a pledge from the Irish Red Cross in support of the national society's STI/HIV/AIDS project. In order to provide care for PLWHA, the GRCS has a home based care (HBC) project. The project is overseen by the NS's health coordinator and receives technical support from the Federations sub-regional office in Lagos.

Upon request from the national society, the Ministry of Health (MoH) provides personnel to facilitate in workshops. Participants in the workshops are selected considering gender balance, with the information, education and communication (IEC) materials tailored to factor the same.

Goal: The Ghana Red Cross Society has contributed to the reduction of the spread of HIV/AIDS, particularly among women, and improved the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in 10 districts of the targeted five regions by the end 2007.

Objective: The national society's capacity to improve knowledge and understanding of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) through the promotion of safe sex among 48,000 women and community members in 10 districts by the end of 2007 is enhanced.

Progress/Achievements:

Expected result 1: Management of HIV/AIDS mother's club programme has ensured partnership.

The training of mothers' club members to care for PLWHA has been successful. Participants exhibited good knowledge of nutrition, anti-retroviral drugs and issues concerning voluntary counselling and testing (VCT). Topics covered include; composition of a balanced diet, ways of selecting a balance diet, the importance of a balance diet as well as nutritional problems faced by PLWHA and how they can be solved.

Expected result 2: Identified trainers have reached youths through peer education.

No activities were implemented during the reporting period.

Expected result 3: The community has been sensitized on the importance of the home-based care (HBC) support groups.

The HBC project, which is in pilot phase, is steadily gaining ground. A total of 36 mothers' club members from four districts in the Central and Greater Accra Regions were trained in home care of PLWHA. Participants were drawn from four communities of Mfantiman and Fosu districts in the Central region and four communities of two districts in the Greater Accra region. They were provided with HBC kits and IEC materials for their community activities.

Expected result 4: Psychological, nutritional and educational support to PLWHA is assured.

On 25 of January 2006, a group from Assin Akonfudi in the Central Region paid home visits to two PLWHA and provided them with psychological support.

Expected result 5: Campaigns and activities to reduce stigma and discrimination against people infected or affected to HIV/AIDS have improved awareness.

No activity has been implemented during this reporting period.

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Constraints

The financial situation of the national society has not been encouraging. As a result most, of the projects have been put on hold.

Organizational development

The GRCS has a nationwide branch network that covers all the regions; it has district committees in 86 of the 110 political districts. At the community level, these districts are organized in more than 400 chapters, 480 Mothers' Clubs and some 600 youth links.

Despite having activities in health and nutrition programmes, in 2003-2004 the GRCS was facing serious financial, management and governance challenges. The Secretary General and other key staff (finance and administration manager, information and publicity coordinator, disaster preparedness and response coordinators) left. The absence of these key staff affected programme delivery at all levels of the NS. The NS carried out a management audit, with financial and technical support from the Swiss Red Cross, the Federation and other partners; the findings were presented during a partnership meeting held in March 2004. The meeting proposed a 'way forward' plan of action to restructure the national society's management, financial and reporting system. The Federation, through its Nigeria sub-regional office, continued to work with the national society's governance and management to address its problems.

In addition, the GRCS was encouraged to make further progress in implementing the 'way forward' (PoA) and to raise funds locally so as to meet its core costs through government grants and fundraising activities. Some of the resource mobilization challenges included:

- Inactive or non-functional resource development committees at all levels;
- Non-availability of capital for fund-raising and income-generating activities;
- Lack of training and refresher courses for resource development staff.

Since November 2005, the responsibility of supervising the restructuring process of the GRCS was transferred from the Lagos sub-regional office to the Dakar regional office— under the OD team in charge of Sahel sub-region.

Goal: The Ghana Red Cross Society has become a well-functioning community-based organization, effectively mobilizing resources to improve the lives of the most vulnerable.

Objective: The capacity to deliver and implement programmes and projects to assist the vulnerable has been strengthened.

A Secretary General has been appointed and assumed duty on 2 May 2006. With the Secretary General on board, the recruitment process for the finance manager and communication/marketing will continue. Candidates have already been short-listed.

With the new Secretary General, there will be another analysis on human resources because some issues are yet to be settled. The Swiss Red Cross and American Red Cross will support three key positions (the Secretary General, the finance manager and health coordinator), through Federation. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will be supporting two other positions (disaster management and communication and marketing).

Financial records have been updated and an audit has been carried out. However, the final audit report is yet to be completed. A workshop on governance and management will take place when all the staff members report to work. This process will be followed by the revision of the national society's strategic plan and business plan.

The GRCS headquarter building is about 80% complete and the national society was expecting to move into the new building within June 2006. Efforts are being made to speed up the restructuring plan so as to revamp GRCS activities.

Constraints

So far, no funding has been received for activities outlined in the Appeal. Donors and partners are being encouraged to support this programme.

Disaster management

Following political instability in Côte d'Ivoire and the uncertainty about the possible outcome of the October 2006 general elections, it is anticipated that there may be mass population movement into four political regions of Ghana (Western, Brong Ahafo, Northern and Upper West). GRCS, in collaboration with the Federation, has developed a contingency plan to respond to this potential mass movement. Other partners involved in the process are; the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), and the UNICEF, the security services and the regional coordinating councils.

During the training sessions, the Fundamental Principles were discussed at length in both English and local languages to enable the participants to understand them. The Disaster Response Team (DRT) continued to create awareness in the communities about the hazards they live with and what to do before, during and after a disaster. With regards to Global Agenda goals, the GRCS– through the DRT– engaged in awareness creation measures in the communities. The regional delegation in Dakar provided financial assistance to GRCS in drawing its contingency plan.

The Ghana Red Cross Society has trained first-aid workers in selected accident– prone communities along Accra-Kumasi highway to attend to victims of accidents. The GRCS has organized refresher courses for its first-aid instructors to familiarize them with current development in first aid so as to deliver quality services.

Stakeholder participation has been good. GRCS stakeholders include: NADMO, Ministry of Health (MoH); Ministry of Interior, district, metropolitan, municipal assemblies; regional coordinating council; UNHCR and the UNICEF.

The most significant activities conducted during the period are:

96 community-based first aid instructors have trained. They in turn trained 1,500 volunteers in 20 districts who are providing first aid services.

DRTs organized awareness and public education programmes in their community.

Collaboration between GRCS and NADMO has been strengthened.

The NS volunteer management policy has been approved.

Constraints

- The NS has no stock of relief items.
- Due to lack of funding, the DRTs had few equipment and no regular training to make their members efficient.

Togo

Health and care

The Togolese Red Cross (TRC) targets are to build more efficient and effective programmes aimed at reducing morbidity linked to HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) as well as to develop community and home-based care (HBC) for PLWHA and affected families.

Goal: To contribute towards improving the health status among the most vulnerable populations in Togo through health promotion and prevention.

Objective: The national society's effort to combat morbidity and mortality related to HIV/AIDS/STDs, malaria, waterborne and potential epidemic diseases are reinforced.

No activity has been implemented under this objective during this reporting period due to a lack of funding.

Organizational development

The Togolese Red Cross is striving to expand its resource development policy to become more financially independent. The NS continues to diversify its resource base and recognizes the value of organizational capacity development, in line with increased programme activities.

Goal: The Togolese Red Cross is a well-functioning national society

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Objective: The management and volunteer structure of the Togolese Red Cross enhances its capacity to deliver the HIV/AIDS/STI as well as health and care services and improve the lives of the most vulnerable in Togo.

No activity has been implemented under this objective (during this reporting period) due to a lack of funding.

Benin

Organizational development

The Red Cross of Benin (RCB) still faces challenges in implementing a distinctive role between its governance and management. The organizational development (OD) priority of the RCB is to support the restructuring of its governance and management.

Goal: The organizational capacity of the Red Cross of Benin is developed to provide effective and efficient services to improve the lives of the vulnerable people.

Objective: The Red Cross of Benin implements its way forward plan, including the restructuring of its governance and management to provide leadership and direction, and services to become a well-functioning national society.

No activity has been implemented under this objective during this reporting period due to a lack of funding.

Sub-regional office

Implementation and coordination

The Federation office continues to monitor and advice on management and technical aspects. The sub-regional office in Lagos collaborates with member national societies in capacity building, financial and administrative planning and monitoring. The sub-regional office organizes and facilitates organizational reviews for the NSs to address critical issues of governance, management and finance. It also facilitates partners' meetings which clarify the regulatory status of government. The sub-regional office also made sure that the image, visibility and credibility of the NSs in the region continues to attract more support to Red Cross programmes.

Coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships

The Federations Lagos sub-regional office has continued to support the development of the Nigeria, Ghana, Togo and Benin national societies since its establishment in July 2002. In February 2006, the Nigerian Red Cross Society organized a partnership meeting which was attended by the ICRC, the Federation, American Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and the British Red Cross.

The sub-regional meetings for the four national societies in the region are technically and financially supported by the Federation. The office will also facilitate an orientation visit by the newly elected president of the NSs to the Federation and the ICRC head offices in Geneva. The office also helped the NSs in discussing programme support and programme agreements with partners. It also helped the NSs to secure Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) funding to provide assistance to refugees in the region as well as the Avian Influenza campaign in Nigeria.

Below is a table reflecting the activities undertaken bilaterally by Red Cross Red Crescent partners.

Red Cross Partners	Summary of activities
ICRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency first-aid training, purchase of three HF radios for three branches of the Nigerian Red Cross Society.• Monthly remuneration of the 37 radio operators of the Nigerian Red Cross Society.
American Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring and supervision of Global HIV/AIDS Initiative in Nigeria (GHAIN) projects sponsored by USAID in six Nigerian Red Cross Society branches.

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International disaster response

The Lagos office continues to support the training of NSs disaster management officers as Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) members to provide assistance in times of disasters in the region.

Governance support

The Lagos office ensures that the NSs in the region confront their internal problems, address governance and management issues as well as pave way for reformation. The PoA brings on board the NSs partners in developing and implementing their business strategies and positioning themselves among the major national humanitarian actors. The office also supports NSs to attend the Federation International Conferences and statutory meetings as well as constitutional review and governance/management workshops.

Delegation management

The Lagos office continues to deliver quality services to the NSs in the region by carrying out performance evaluation and appraisals to ensure that the NSs are well supported. Finally, the office keeps on reviewing its human resource strategies as needs arise to support the NSs.

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BUDGET 2006

PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.: MAA61002

Name: NIGERIA SUB- REGIONAL

PROGRAMME:

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	9,000
Seeds & Plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & First Aid	122,800	68,250	0	0	0	0	191,050
Teaching Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	48,840	0	0	0	0	48,840
Other Supplies & Services	0	0	0	23,000	0	0	23,000
SUPPLIES	131,800	117,090	0	23,000	0	0	271,890
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & Telecom	3,412	0	0	30,435	0	0	33,847
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND, VEHICLES & EQUIPMEN	3,412	0	0	30,435	0	0	33,847
Storage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles cost	33,040	7,140	0	14,200	1	0	54,380
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	33,040	7,140	0	14,200	1	0	54,380
International Staff	322,400	0	0	0	189,416	0	511,815
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0	0	30,000	0	0	30,000
National staff	70,000	11,400	0	25,728	10,620	0	117,747
National Society Staff	280,051	30,000	0	0	0	0	310,050
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	672,451	41,400	0	55,728	200,036	0	969,614
Workshops & Training	1,139,517	162,010	0	621,908	11,260	0	1,934,694
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	1,139,517	162,010	0	621,908	11,260	0	1,934,694
Travel & related expenses	197,476	40,300	0	47,050	0	0	284,826
Information & Public Rela	711,576	27,750	0	38,700	0	0	778,025
Office Running Costs	133,316	24,250	0	37,490	0	0	195,055
Communication Costs	22,100	4,600	0	8,916	3,000	0	38,615
Professional Fees	0	0	0	381,000	0	0	381,000
Other General Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	1,064,468	96,900	0	513,156	3,000	0	1,677,523
Asset Depreciation	4,600	500	0	900	0	0	6,000
DEPRECIATION	4,600	500	0	900	0	0	6,000
Contributions & Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRIBUTIONS & TRANSFERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Support	211,983	29,548	0	87,547	14,898	0	343,975
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	211,983	29,548	0	87,547	14,898	0	343,975
TOTAL BUDGET:	3,261,271	454,588	0	1,346,874	229,195	0	5,291,925

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PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

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Name: NIGERIA SUB-REGIONAL

PROGRAMME:

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seeds & Plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & First Aid	236,875	6,158	0	0	0	0	243,033
Teaching Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	90,000	0	0	0	0	90,000
Other Supplies & Services	30,000	0	0	12,000	0	0	42,000
SUPPLIES	266,875	96,158	0	12,000	0	0	375,033
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	44,950	0	0	0	0	0	44,949
Computers & Telecom	15,000	20,000	0	118,435	0	0	153,435
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND, VEHICLES & EQUIPMEN	59,950	20,000	0	118,435	0	0	198,384
Storage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles cost	33,240	8,140	0	15,960	0	0	57,339
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	33,240	8,140	0	15,960	0	0	57,339
International Staff	322,400	0	0	0	0	0	322,399
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National staff	63,700	12,100	0	24,490	0	0	100,289
National Society Staff	211,910	30,000	0	14,132	0	0	256,041
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	598,010	42,100	0	38,622	0	0	678,731
Workshops & Training	897,459	140,528	0	493,138	0	0	1,531,124
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	897,459	140,528	0	493,138	0	0	1,531,124
Travel & related expenses	205,831	47,571	0	39,000	0	0	292,401
Information & Public Rela	446,551	50,000	0	25,000	0	0	521,551
Office Running Costs	138,811	13,550	0	52,350	0	0	204,711
Communication Costs	23,600	4,600	0	10,978	0	0	39,178
Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other General Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	814,793	115,721	0	127,328	0	0	1,057,842
Asset Depreciation	4,600	500	0	900	0	0	6,000
DEPRECIATION	4,600	500	0	900	0	0	6,000
Contributions & Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRIBUTIONS & TRANSFERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Support	185,958	29,417	0	56,059	0	0	271,432
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	185,958	29,417	0	56,059	0	0	271,432
TOTAL BUDGET:	2,860,885	452,564	0	862,442	0	0	4,175,889

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	6'122'155	907'151	0	1'791'133	0	8'820'439
B. Opening Balance	556'655	53'402	0	185'783	708	796'547
Income						
Cash contributions						
British Red Cross		21'757				21'757
DFID Partnership				21'952		21'952
Finnish Red Cross		52'230				52'230
Irish Government	110'460			78'900	39'450	228'810
Irish Red Cross Society	4'391					4'391
Swedish Red Cross	49'500	16'500				66'000
C1. Cash contributions	164'351	90'486		100'852	39'450	395'139
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
British Red Cross		-21'758				-21'758
Finnish Red Cross		22'450				22'450
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		692				692
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	164'351	91'178	0	100'852	39'450	395'831
D. Total Funding = B + C	721'005	144'580	0	286'635	40'158	1'192'378

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	556'655	53'402	0	185'783	708	796'547
C. Income	164'351	91'178	0	100'852	39'450	395'831
E. Expenditure	-50'461	-20'411		-7'482	-1'113	-79'467
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	670'544	124'169	0	279'152	39'045	1'112'911

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		6'122'155	907'151	0	1'791'133	0	8'820'439	
Supplies								
Food	9'000							9'000
Medical & First Aid	434'083				8'587	840	9'427	424'657
Utensils & Tools	138'840							138'840
Other Supplies & Services	65'000							65'000
Total Supplies	646'923				8'587	840	9'427	637'497
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	44'950							44'950
Computers & Telecom	187'282							187'282
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	232'232							232'232
Transport & Storage								
Storage						248	248	-248
Transport & Vehicle Costs	111'720	9'078	3'145		1'474	793	14'489	97'231
Total Transport & Storage	111'720	9'078	3'145		1'474	1'040	14'737	96'983
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	352'800							352'800
Delegate Benefits	292'000	848			2'352		3'200	288'800
National Staff	207'418	34'365	11'410		5'709	-99	51'385	156'033
National Society Staff	566'093	9'626	4'695		3'225	99	17'646	548'447
Consultants		1'102	390				1'492	-1'492
Total Personnel Expenditures	1'418'311	45'941	16'495		11'286	0	73'722	1'344'588
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	3'454'559	22'431			5'996		28'428	3'426'132
Total Workshops & Training	3'454'559	22'431			5'996		28'428	3'426'132
General Expenditure								
Travel	577'228	46'161	1'346		10'949		58'456	518'772
Information & Public Relation	1'299'577	6'124	82		4'319		10'525	1'289'051
Office Costs	399'767	4'830	4'386		1'142	18'790	29'149	370'618
Communications	74'794	170				9'760	9'930	64'864
Professional Fees	20'000	312			14'825		15'137	4'863
Financial Charges		8'140	118		3'053	179	11'490	-11'490
Other General Expenses		18'623	6'535		9'146	-29'569	4'734	-4'734
Total General Expenditure	2'371'366	84'360	12'467		43'435	-840	139'422	2'231'943
Depreciation								
Depreciation	12'000							12'000
Total Depreciation	12'000							12'000
Program Support								
Program Support	573'329	6'527	1'327		2'175	72	10'101	563'228
Total Program Support	573'329	6'527	1'327		2'175	72	10'101	563'228
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		-117'876	-13'022		-65'471		-196'369	196'369
Total Operational Provisions		-117'876	-13'022		-65'471		-196'369	196'369
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	8'820'439	50'461	20'411		7'482	1'113	79'467	8'740'972
VARIANCE (C - D)		6'071'694	886'740		1'783'651	-1'113	8'740'972	