

Programme Update 2007



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Guinea MAAGN001

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This report covers the period of 01/01/07 to 30/06/07.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Volunteers testing a stretcher offered by the Federation during February/March 2007

In brief

Programme Summary: Activities in the programme areas of health and care and disaster preparedness under the revised Appeal 2007 had as at the end of June 2007 not been implemented due mainly to the lack of funding and as a result of social unrest precipitated by general strikes launched by the trade unions in Guinea which also created a three-month hiatus in work. The strikes and the violence accompanying them led to several mortalities and injuries. The national society provided very good first-aid coverage through its volunteer first-aid workers organized in disaster response teams (Brigades de Secours), a response which received the appreciation and gratitude of the general populace and government.

Vulnerabilities in Guinea as per an OCHA study are attributable to socio-politico-economic and health causes as under mentioned. Continual rising prices especially of staples e.g. rice without any concrete economic reasons as the national currency has increased in value in comparison to the US dollar by 70% from March 2007 (after the strikes and appointment of a new government). Thus the existent poverty situation and high cost of living continue resulting in increased criminality. The slow pace of political dialogue and persistent high expectation of improvement in the quality of life erode confidence in the new government. The continuing outbreaks of epidemics of yellow fever, meningitis and cholera, coupled with the persisting high prevalence of malaria, typhoid fever, HIV/AIDS and STDs, malnutrition in children and poor sanitation and personal hygiene all contribute to the vulnerabilities caused by health problems.

The main achievements during the reporting period were in the provision of assistance to refugees in the Guinea Forestière region and effective response provided by the NS to the violence following the general strikes in January and February 2007.

The activities under the assistance to refugees in camps in Guinea Forestière and urban refugees in

Conakry were the only implemented activities under UNHCR partnership and funding. The major achievements were that the programme achieved all the targets set by the UNHCR for health & care and social welfare services, and also that the programme was managed and run entirely by trained national society staff and volunteers.

The Federation also provided financial support to the NS in its first aid coverage during the social unrest in the general strikes through a DREF and logistics support through the provision of 2 vehicles in Conakry and Nzerekore and replenishment of first aid supplies from the Zone Office.

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Needs: Total 2006-2007 budget: CHF 3,090,405 (USD 2,554,053 or EUR 1,884,393) out of which 64% covered.

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No. of people we help: The Federation provided technical and financial support, coordination and management of the partnerships with UNHCR, WFP and others to the national society staff and volunteers to provide health & care to 15,489 refugees from Liberia, and Côte d'Ivoire living in Kouankan 1 and 2 camps in Nzerekore Prefecture in the Guinea Forestière Region, and health & care and social welfare services to 2,800 refugees living in Conakry, the capital.

Our Partners: The ICRC provided support to first-aid brigades deployed during general strike, celebration of World Red Cross and red Crescent Day, membership on IASC, contribution to administrative costs of NS, funding for PVH programme, logistic support (motor bicycles and HF radios). Other partners are UNHCR, WFP, ECHO, and the Spanish government.

Progress towards objectives

Health and Care

Objective: To reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases in beneficiary communities.

Achievements:

None of the activities in the Appeal has been implemented due to lack of funding.

The IFRC however responded through a DREF to an Appeal through the NS to launch a voluntary blood donor project to assist in replenishing the stocks in the National Blood Transfusion Service as a result of the social unrest. The objectives of the project were to collect 2,000 pouches of blood (from 2,000 voluntary blood donors); and to re-activate the existing five blood donor clubs and establish more clubs.

The results achieved were: 550 Red Cross volunteers have been trained as voluntary blood donor recruiters in Conakry, Boke, Fria, Boffah, Forecaria, Kankan, Nzerekore, Gueckedou, Coyah and Conakry; 1,963 pouches of blood were collected (from 1,963 volunteers). Beneficiaries from the collected blood as at the end of June were: children: 180; women: 107; men: 58 (a total of 351).

Constraint:

The main constraint is the lack of funding.

Disaster Management

Overview

The main activity area in Guinea during the first six months was again disaster response notably in the response to the refugee presence in the Guinea Forestière region. The Federation provided technical and financial support, coordination and management of the partnerships with UNHCR, WFP and others to the National Society staff and volunteers to provide health care to 15,489 refugees from Liberia and the Ivory Coast living in camps in Nzerekore and health and social welfare services to 2,800 urban refugees in Conakry (after the launch of the Appeal the UNHCR selected the IFRC only as a partner for health services and assistance in voluntary repatriation for the refugees in camps from January to June 2007. The decision has been reversed and as from July 2007 the IFRC has again taken over the social welfare services in Kouankan 1 and 2 camps from ACF, and health and social welfare services in Laine camp from MSF Swiss).

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The second disaster response activity was the provision of first-aid services to persons injured in the social unrest following the general strikes launched by the trade unions in January and February 2007. The NS deployed all its 39 "brigades de secours" (disaster response teams) present in Conakry and all the prefectures in the country. A total of 124 deaths were recorded and 1,724 injured. The first-aid coverage has been received with great appreciation and gratitude by the populace and government, and the Prime Minister has written to thank the NS for the good work done.

Goal: To alleviate the suffering of refugees in Guinea Forestière.

Objective: To provide health services to refugees in the two camps in Nzerekore, and health and social welfare services to urban refugees in Conakry.

Achievements:

Volunteers of the NS working under the coordination and support of the Federation, and with funding from UNHCR, provided medical care, comprising curative services (consultation, laboratory services, pharmacy, and referral), public health services (mother and child health services: ante and post natal clinics, deliveries, immunization of pregnant women and children, child growth and development monitoring, and nutrition services – surveys and therapeutic feeding of identified malnourished children and pregnant and lactating mothers – minors, women head of families, and youth), and medical screening for refugees due for voluntary repatriation.

Activities under the Appeal have not been implemented as yet due to lack of funding.

With ICRC funding however the NS has provided refresher training for 40 Brigades de secours trainers and five branches have been provided with HF radios.

The refugees have access to basic physical infrastructures thus have had their vulnerability reduced. The health status of the refugees was kept within all the performance indicators set by the UNHCR (e.g. mortality rates, immunization coverage, malnutrition rates). The Federation has strengthened the capacity of the NS to the extent that all the activities are carried out and managed by trained volunteers of the NS with the Federation providing coordination, financial and technical support, and management of the partnerships with the UNHCR, WFP, and other partners. The NS has achieved increased visibility through first-aid services provided during the social unrest, and its image has been greatly uplifted.

Constraint:

Lack of funding has delayed the implementation of activities planned under the Appeal.

Organizational Development

Overview

The NS new national office funded by the ICRC was completed by the end of December 2006. The NS also concluded a self assessment in July 2006 and completed the elaboration of a strategic plan. A fund raising unit was established with the recruitment of a fund raising officer by the end of 2006.

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea will have the characteristics of a well-functioning National Society by the end of 2007, having reduced its financial dependence by 60%.

Objective: The NS will finance 20% of its administrative cost by the beginning of 2007.

Achievements:

The construction of the national office has been completed and is in use. The IFRC continues to have its offices in the NS office in rooms rented from the NS.

The fund raising unit has also started operation after the hiatus of January – March created by the strikes and their attendant social unrest.

The NS is included in the Spanish government grant for capacity building and will have an audit of its finance and administration under the grant. Activities in this area have therefore been suspended pending the audit's recommendations.

The construction of the offices funded by the national society's branches and the ICRC has been completed and is in use.

The establishment of the monitoring and coordination system between the national office and branches/local committees has been shelved until after the finance and management audit of the NS, with the expectation that the Audit's recommendations will cover the mechanisms for coordination thereby providing a more professional input for implementation of the monitoring and coordination system.

A fund raising unit has been established with the assistance of the FICR. The fund raising officer participated in a trade fair during which potential partnerships with corporate bodies was initiated. The unit is to establish a baseline for fund raising for implementation.

The NS has become more visible and has committed itself to its self development. This has attracted potential partners as seen in its selection for DFID, ECHO and Spanish government funding.

Constraints

The main constraint remains the availability of funding. With the processing of the DFID, ECHO and Spanish funding it is expected that some of the activities in the Appeal 2007 will be implemented.

Humanitarian values

Overview

The Federation planned to work with the national society to ensure the awareness of the Movement's policies and guidelines in the reduction of vulnerabilities in Guinea, working through the IASC, COPIA and other for discussion and planning for humanitarian activities in the country.

Goal: The Movement's Principles, mission, and activities are known and respected by the government

and its agencies, UN agencies, other international bodies and non-governmental international organizations in the country.

Objective: The Federation Representative and the national society launch and participate in activities aimed at creating awareness about the Movement's principles, mission, and activities.

Achievements

The Movement partners, the IFRC, Red Cross Society of Guinea and ICRC continued to participate in meetings, workshops and other fora of the IASC and COPIA, for discussion and planning for humanitarian action such as the workshops on the CAP process.

The NS provided first aid for the wounded through its mobilization and community education activities for the management of cholera and immunization, and particularly through the deployment of first-aid brigades (disaster response teams) during the general strikes. The first-aid workers also transported them to the hospitals. This has created a high level of awareness about the activities of the Red Cross. Activities were also organized at all levels of the NS to commemorate the World Red Cross Day that has been given a wide publicity in the country.

Further, activities specifically aimed at awareness creation about the Movement have been implemented by the NS through ICRC dissemination programme. The range of activities included: clean up campaigns; donation of food and non-food items to patients in hospitals; seminar on volunteering; sensitization on the Principles and Emblem; and strengthening of fellowship among the youth. The day was commemorated at the national level with the inauguration of the new national office at which the ICRC also presented eight motor cycles and portable HF radios to the NS.

The Federation representative has attended 80% of all IASC and other meetings aimed at coordinating humanitarian action in the country.

Awareness of the Red Cross and its activities is high as a result of the refugee programme, activities of the national society (first-aid coverage of the social unrest following the general strikes, cholera, immunization), and the dissemination programme of the ICRC.

Constraint

The main constraints remain lack of or inadequate funding and the difficulty of many persons and groups to understand the roles of the IFRC and the ICRC.

Coordination

The Movement partners continue their cooperation and collaboration through bilateral and tripartite meetings. Several tripartite meetings were held during the social unrest to coordinate the response through the NS and support from the FICR and ICRC with the NS as the lead agent.

An initiative by the fund raising unit in participating in a trade fair resulted in a number of enquiries from corporate bodies for sponsorship and partnership with the Red Cross Society of Guinea. The unit is to further follow upon this avenue for fund raising.

The NS has been selected to receive funding from the IFRC partnership with DFID, ECHO and the Spanish government for capacity building activities in disaster preparedness, finance and administration, branch development and response to epidemics.

International representation and advocacy

The Federation is a member of IASC, COPIA and other fora for discussion, planning and implementation of humanitarian activities aimed at reducing vulnerabilities in the country. In these fora the capacity of the NS particularly in the deployment of over 6,000 trained volunteers in emergencies

has been stressed and noted as a result of which UNICEF has partnered the NS in a watsan project.

The role and capacity of the Federation in country and through international appeals have also been clarified.

The Federation representative has participated in the celebration of national days of countries at the invitation of their ambassadors.

Management of the delegation

Management at all levels of the Federation's operations has been effective and proactive particularly in the area of finance to ensure that funds were expended as per agreed budgets to prevent deficits and misapplication of funds.

The major problem has been the revaluation by 70% of the national currency while prices remain static which has meant that more foreign exchange has to be found for expenditures in Guinean Francs. This has therefore led to the revision upwards of budgets especially by the UNHCR and also the IFRC to ensure that deficits are avoided.

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MAAGN001 - Guinea

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/06
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAAGN001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	155,139	2,903,766	31,500	0	0	3,090,405
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
American Govt, PR&M		243,900				243,900
DFID Partnership grant		118,334				118,334
Irish Government		63,380				63,380
Other		-338				-338
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)		84,900				84,900
UNHCR (UN Agency)		1,151,326				1,151,326
C1. Cash contributions		1,661,502				1,661,502
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
American Govt, PR&M		0				0
DFID Partnership grant		111,666				111,666
Other		204,810				204,810
UNHCR (UN Agency)		-23,904				-23,904
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		292,572				292,572
<u>Other Income</u>						
Miscellaneous Income		11,028				11,028
C5. Other Income		11,028				11,028
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	0	1,965,102	0	0	0	1,965,102
D. Total Funding = B + C	0	1,965,102	0	0	0	1,965,102
Appeal Coverage	0%	68%	0%	#DIV/0	#DIV/0	64%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Income	0	1,965,102	0	0	0	1,965,102
E. Expenditure		-1,600,806				-1,600,806
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0	364,296	0	0	0	364,296

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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)		155,139	2,903,766	31,500	0	0	3,090,405	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	32,176		140				140	32,036
Construction Materials	227,639		49,220				49,220	178,419
Clothing & textiles	162							162
Food	52,695		34,800				34,800	17,895
Seeds,Plants			2,667				2,667	-2,667
Water & Sanitation			322				322	-322
Medical & First Aid	82,234		262,065				262,065	-179,831
Utensils & Tools	2,160		785				785	1,376
Other Supplies & Services	31,166		130,220				130,220	-99,054
Total Supplies	428,232		480,218				480,218	-51,987
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom			13,203				13,203	-13,203
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.			2,553				2,553	-2,553
Medical Equipment			216				216	-216
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			15,971				15,971	-15,971
Transport & Storage								
Storage	2,700		376				376	2,324
Distribution & Monitoring			21,269				21,269	-21,269
Transport & Vehicle Costs	403,012		116,299				116,299	286,713
Total Transport & Storage	405,712		137,943				137,943	267,769
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	605,200		270,874				270,874	334,326
National Staff	224,028		114,129				114,129	109,899
National Society Staff	836,191		314,978				314,978	521,213
Total Personnel	1,665,419		699,981				699,981	965,437
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	70,640		11,671				11,671	58,969
Total Workshops & Training	70,640		11,671				11,671	58,969
General Expenditure								
Travel	26,965		30,931				30,931	-3,966
Information & Public Relation	102,685		13,485				13,485	89,200
Office Costs	173,252		147,021				147,021	26,230
Communications	10,665		22,258				22,258	-11,593
Professional Fees			5,143				5,143	-5,143
Financial Charges	1,080		38,450				38,450	-37,370
Other General Expenses			-122,065				-122,065	122,065
Total General Expenditure	314,647		135,223				135,223	179,424
Depreciation								
Depreciation	4,879		7,319				7,319	-2,440
Total Depreciation	4,879		7,319				7,319	-2,440
Programme Support								
Program Support	200,876		104,052				104,052	96,824
Total Programme Support	200,876		104,052				104,052	96,824
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			8,400				8,400	-8,400
Operational forecasting			27				27	-27
Total Operational Provisions			8,426				8,426	-8,426
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	3,090,405		1,600,806				1,600,806	1,489,599
VARIANCE (C - D)		155,139	1,302,960	31,500			1,489,599	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Health & Care							
PGN006	Guinea Health	0	0		0		0
PGN401	Health and Care	0	0		0	99,545	99,545
PGN410	HIV	0	0		0	55,594	55,594
PGN517	SANTE ECHO	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Health & Care		0	0		0	155,139	155,139
Disaster Management							
PGN160	VCA Dpp	0	0		0		0
PGN501	Liberian Refugees	0	0		0		0
PGN502	Liberian Refug Repat	0	0		0		0
PGN503	Sierra Leonean Refug	0	0		0		0
PGN504	SL Refugees, Guekedo	0	0		0		0
PGN506	Reponse aux catastro	0	1,977,468	-1,614,032	363,436	2,903,766	1,289,734
PGN509	Refugees assistance	0	-12,366	13,226	860		13,226
PGN515	G.Bissau Refugees	0	0		0		0
PGN516	G.Bissau Repatriatio	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	1,965,102	-1,600,806	364,296	2,903,766	1,302,960
Humanitarian Values							
PGN007	Humanitarian Values	0	0		0		0
PGN301	Humanitarian Values	0	0		0	31,500	31,500
Sub-Total Humanitarian Values		0	0		0	31,500	31,500
Organisational Development							
PGN002	GN RC HQ Building	0	0		0		0
PGN008	ORG DEVELOPMENT 2008-2009	0	0		0		0
PGN161	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Organisational Development		0	0		0		0
Coordination & Implement							
PGN505	Internation represen	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		0	0		0		0
Total	Guinea	0	1,965,102	-1,600,806	364,296	3,090,405	1,489,599