

Programme Update 2007



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Liberia

Appeal No: MAALR001

Programme Update No. 2

This report covers the period of 01/01/07 to 30/06/07
of the 2006-2007 Appeal.

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.



Liberia Red Cross Society (LRCS) preparing distribution of zinc to beneficiaries after storm hit Ganta, Nimba County.

In brief

Programme Summary: The Liberia Red Cross Society (LRCS) programme focus is aimed at strengthening capacity and initiating and implementing a change process. This is to enable the LRCS meeting the criteria of a well functioning National Society (WFNS), while in the process of providing quality and efficient humanitarian services to the most vulnerable. This is being achieved in line with the four core areas of the Global Agenda, as enshrined in the Federation of the Future. Much progress was made in setting LRCS new direction, as evidenced by the adoption of two key documents – a revised Constitution and a new 5-year Strategic Plan (2008 – 2012), and the commitment of main partners to cooperate and support the national society over the next two years and beyond.

In early 2007, some programmes were well funded, while others were under-funded, leaving some gaps in programmes achieving results. The successful outcome of the Partnership Meeting held in February, made it necessary to revise all the National Society's programmes and activities. The revised budget now takes into account those activities that were cut-off due to earlier unfavourable funding position.

Needs

The revised LRCS budget 2007 is in the tune of CHF 3,094,432, of which 61 percent is covered as of 30th June. The expectation is that the full budget is realized by end of December 2007. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

No. of people we help

Nation-wide an estimated 3,500 LRCS volunteers are involved in community outreach activities such as raising awareness in HIV and AIDS, malaria control and prevention, constructing and rehabilitating wells

and latrines, as well as distributing non food items (NFI) to victims of natural disasters benefiting approximately 75,000 people.

Our Partners:

Red Cross Partners	Summaries
Federation	Technical assistance, finance development, coordination and management, monitoring and evaluation.
ICRC	Statutes revision and awareness, governing training, chapter construction, and core cost support
Canadian Red Cross	Human resources development, strategic planning, four PNS counterpart to LRCS for eight NS, child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR).
Danish Red Cross	Chapter construction, training, DM and Federation Representative
Netherlands Red Cross	Strategic planning, project circle management and decentralization
Swedish Red Cross	CAR, Youth Development, Installation of HV and VHF radio equipment as well as core cost support
Norwegian Red Cross	CBHP, CAR, (exp. OD support in latter part of 2007)
British Red Cross	CAR, Watsan,
Finnish Red Cross	Watsan
Spanish Red Cross	Youth Development, Watsan

Progress towards objectives-by sector

Health and Care

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Programme Objective: There is an improved and sustainable access to safe water supply and sanitation facilities which has led to reduction in diseases related to poor water and sanitation provision.

Achievements

The Unit constructed 12 new wells and rehabilitated 25 damaged wells in Bassa, Margibi, Bong, Rivercess, Montserrado and Sinoe Counties. One hundred wells were chlorinated in two counties, while 61 clean-up kits and 42 repair kits were distributed in Bong, Montserrado, Margibi, Bassa, Rivercess and Sinoe, allowing communities to have good drinking water during this rainy season. 30 pit-latrines were constructed in Sinoe and Bassa. Moreover, 100 wells were pot chlorinated in Montserrado.

Constraints

The rainy season has made roads leading to project locations impassable. Limited number of Watsan staff at the headquarters has slowed monitoring process from headquarters to the project locations.

Health and Hygiene

Programme Objective: Through an effective health promotion, training and education of target groups in 120 selected communities within nine counties the LRCS has increased communities' awareness and strengthened their strategies to prevent illnesses in families and communities.

Achievements

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and Voluntary Blood Donor Association of Liberia (VOBDAL), the LRCS commemorated 2007 African Malaria Day and World Blood Donor Day respectively and participated in all the NID campaigns. Approximately 48,816 people from 89

communities in nine counties benefited from health/hygiene promotional activities. The campaigns focused on the causes, signs/symptoms and prevention of diarrhoea/cholera, malaria, skin infection, worm infections and typhoid fever.

At least 14,528 persons received medical services from the two health clinics in Monrovia and Margibi County. Services include; out patient, health education, family planning and immunization.

Constraints

The need to develop, field test and distribute the new community toolkits on health/hygiene for and within the targeted project location is necessary and urgent for the prevention of common illnesses.

HIV and AIDS

Programme Objective: Knowledge and understanding amongst Red Cross volunteers, communities and target beneficiaries in nine counties has increased in relation to HIV and AIDS/ STI, gender-based violence and reproductive health, which has led to an increase in support of home-based care and a reduction in stigma, discrimination and gender based violence.

Achievements

The Unit conducted awareness on transmission, prevention, discrimination, and stigmatization in nine communities including 56,460 beneficiaries. Under the LRCS/IRC HIV and AIDS project in Nimba County, 21 people have voluntarily donated blood.

Constraints:

Limited staff at headquarters to fully provide technical support and monitoring at the project locations.

Disaster Management

Programme Objective: Through the effective training of chapter volunteers and strengthening of the chapters' response and relief mechanism, the LRCS has increased its relief, food security and first-aid response assistance, as well as vulnerability of communities was identified through the Vulnerable and Capacity Assessment (VCA).

Achievements

With support from ICRC, 1,886 farm household heads benefited from tools and seed rice distribution in two counties. One hundred women also received tool kits to engage in kitchen garden projects; 6,028 persons, including elderly, women, orphans and disaster victims from the 15 chapters received non-food items. Items distributed included second hand clothes, cooking utensils, tarpaulins, mats, blankets, plastic buckets, foot wear, mattresses, zincs, roofing nails and wire nails. A series of meetings were held with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Fire Service to develop policies on disaster preparedness and response.

Constraints

- Limited items in stock to meet the growing need of persons affected by disasters in the communities.
- Deplorable road conditions to transport and deliver items from NSHQ to the various chapters.
- Limited warehouse facilities in the various chapters.

Humanitarian Values

Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR)

Programme Objective: The LRCS CAR programme's core and skills curriculum, case management, community sensitization and community support activities have improved the lives of 450 war affected youths (450 graduates); 2,700 of their family members and 2,000 of their community members in

Montserrado County.

Achievements

- The LRCS admitted 150 war affected children (76 girls and 74 boys) into its CAR third cycle project in the newly constructed compound, 11 miles outside Monrovia. This group was selected from seven old communities and three new communities bordering two counties (Montserrado and Bomi). The children have completed three out of six terms in Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) and two terms out of four terms in the skills training areas. The beneficiaries have begun to read and write better and commenced the making of their products in the skill areas.
- Twenty-three interventions on behalf of the children were made in six communities; 1,489 counselling sessions have been held and six group-sessions were held.
- Seven child welfare committees (CWC) have been put in place with a three-man leadership structure and the advisors of the Committees are the Town Chiefs. The committees will liaise with the LRCS and CAR structure to promote the welfare and rights of children in their respective communities.
- Two skills huts are completed and in use and construction of two more huts have commenced. Selected and conducted surveys in 10 communities in and around Zwedru for the second CAR-centre that will open in January 2008.
- Timeline for the commencement of this second CAR centre in the southeast of Liberia has been developed.

Constraints

- Intruders on the CAR compound due to lack of fencing.
- Insufficient transportation is hampering the timely arrival of staff and beneficiaries to the centre.

Youth development

Programme Objectives: The capacity of community youth is strengthened through skill training sessions. LRCS youth data base has increased, volunteers motivated and equipped on Red Cross knowledge and providing community services to the most vulnerable in slum communities throughout the country. School clubs and girls units are established and strengthened, drama clubs organized, animators trained to disseminate peace messages, and RC youth leadership in each chapter youth unit is organized and trained.

Achievements

The completion of the Girls' Units Concept Document, the setting up of the structures along with the training of 14 girls from seven schools (four in Bomi and three in Montserrado Counties) were carried out. The girls have begun networking and sharing knowledge through meetings and under the supervision of a Girls' Unit focal person at HQ. The 14 girls have organized and begun educating girls in their schools and communities on their value, their worth and place in their environment and homes. The Unit distributed 90 footballs, 46 volleyballs and 46 nets, 42 basketballs, 43 male jerseys and 43 female jerseys. These items donated by ICRC have assisted in transforming the concept of humanitarian values and community learning words into action among students in 45 school clubs in 15 counties. The items have given life to thousands of children in schools, who can now play and enjoy fellowship through sports. The Unit assisted and guided the establishment of 25 school clubs in four counties with full leadership in place. These clubs will provide leadership, value and encouragement to youth in their respective schools and neighbourhoods. Increased peace-building, conflict resolution and voluntary activities in Grand Gedeh, River Gee and Sinoe have allowed the youth to engage each other in self help community service projects including clean-up of neighbourhoods, clearing of foot paths between houses and volunteering their services. Two academic challenges were held in Grand Gedeh and Sinoe Chapters. Sixty youths in Montserrado, Bassa, River Cess, Margibi and Lofa were sensitized on HIV and AIDS, drug abuse and voluntarism as well as International humanitarian law (IHL) and Red Cross knowledge. Sensitization activities were carried out by means of dramatization, one-to-one counselling, sports and recreation.

Constraints

The lack of willingness of some parents to allow their girls to participate, even after Humanitarian values leaders paid visits and made telephone calls to explain the programme. The road network is deplorable denying access to some rural counties, especially in the southeast and northwest extreme of the country.

Organizational Development

Programme Objective: LRCS has improved material and human resources, as well as financial capacity.

Achievements

In February, the LRCS held its 46th mid-term session of General Assembly out of which emerged the adoption of a new constitution and a new 5-year Strategic Plan. The new constitution became a reality following the full participation from all levels of the Society thus giving it the sense of true ownership, and as well input and comments of the ICRC and the International Federation joint commission. During the second half of 2007, OD will focus on raising the level of awareness on the constitution in advance of 2008 election year. Through the support of ICRC, two chapters (Nimba and Grand Kru) have their own new offices, while the construction of the Lofa chapter office is ongoing. The Spanish Red Cross is supporting the construction of the Sinoe chapter office, and the Danish Red Cross has provided funding for the construction of a DM-centre in Maryland County. Construction will commence after the rainy season, when roads are again accessible.

Constraints

- Development and implementation of strategies to decentralize and strengthen capacities at chapter and branch level.
- Additional training of both governance and management leadership.
- Development of volunteer policy and volunteer management programme.
- Development of policy and concept for resource mobilization.
- Identification of a strong OD delegate to assist in developing all OD activities.

Working in partnership

- All activities implemented by the LRCS have a community based approach, and close cooperation with community-based structures is a prerequisite to success. In addition, LRCS departments and HQs work closely with several ministries (Health, Internal Affairs, Education, etc.) in order to harmonize activities with the authorities, while maintaining its autonomy.
- The LRCS is working as an implementing partner with the UNHCR in managing a DP-camp for refugees from Côte d'Ivoire.
- Good relations are developed and maintained with other international organizations, the UN system, EU (ECHO) and embassies.
- The eight NSs Africa Initiative is developing and moving ahead, while the LRCS try to incorporate these activities in their overall plans, and in cooperation with the International Federation's Representative in Liberia.
- The Federation representative is maintaining good relations and advocating on behalf of LNRCS with other International stakeholders and embassies.

Contributing to longer-term impact

As LRCS begins the implementation of its new Strategic Plan (2008 – 2012), the Society's two major goals are: to respond more effectively to disaster and, be able to partially raise funds to cover its own core costs at both headquarter and chapter levels.

Multi-year partnership through bilateral and multilateral assistance that incorporates sustainability components as opposed to annual programme support is a strategy to attain these long-term goals.

Looking Ahead

Although some gains have been made - and continues to be made - in the LRCS' drive to become a well functioning national Society, much still needs to be done. Key challenges remain in developing and implementing a decentralization strategy, continuous training in governance and management leadership, building of staff technical capacity, volunteer development and programme management, and above all the development of a robust resource mobilization plan.

With the attainment of the above, the National Society will be in a position to continue its delivery of quality humanitarian services to the most vulnerable in our society.

To be able to address these challenges, The Federation's technical support and partnership coordination is needed.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/06
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	2,288,453	1,313,899	2,191,506	1,411,557	401,692	7,607,108
B. Opening Balance	1,161	6,679	88,840	10,901	0	107,582
Income						
<u>Cash contributions (received)</u>						
British Red Cross	658,103		83,650	779		742,532
Canadian Red Cross					55,437	55,437
Cyprus Red Cross			554			554
Danish Red Cross	45,000	346,130			75,168	466,297
DFID Partnership		82,320				82,320
Finnish Red Cross	215,147					215,147
Irish Government	63,380					63,380
Netherlands Red Cross				0	4,125	4,125
Norwegian Red Cross	0	0	174,737	679		175,416
Swedish Red Cross	208,358		903,704	297,158		1,409,219
C1. Cash contributions	1,189,987	428,449	1,162,644	298,616	134,730	3,214,427
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
British Red Cross	-166,543					-166,543
DFID Partnership		77,680				77,680
Finnish Red Cross	54,681					54,681
Norwegian Red Cross				-667		-667
Swedish Red Cross			194,111	133,653		327,764
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	-111,862	77,680	194,111	132,986		292,915
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
Irish Government	0					0
Netherlands Red Cross				424		424
Norwegian Red Cross		1,631	4,433			6,064
On Line donations			50,155			50,155
Unidentified donor		-1,631	-4,433	-424		-6,488
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)	0	0	50,155	0		50,155
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
British Red Cross				11,987		11,987
Danish Red Cross					73,950	73,950
Netherlands Red Cross					63,184	63,184
C5. Inkind Personnel				11,987	137,134	149,121
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	1,078,125	506,130	1,406,911	443,588	271,864	3,706,618
D. Total Funding = B + C	1,079,286	512,809	1,495,750	454,490	271,864	3,814,199

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	1,161	6,679	88,840	10,901	0	107,582
C. Income	1,078,125	506,130	1,406,911	443,588	271,864	3,706,618
E. Expenditure	-556,271	-6,588	-992,036	-290,082	-245,339	-2,090,314
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	523,016	506,221	503,715	164,408	26,525	1,723,885

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance A - B
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		2,288,453	1,313,899	2,191,506	1,411,557	401,692	7,607,108	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	92,539			145			145	92,394
Construction Materials		966		17,964	3,856		22,785	-22,785
Clothing & textiles	101,112							101,112
Food	109,620			53,266			53,266	56,354
Seeds,Plants	111,124							111,124
Water & Sanitation	792,946	116,182		8,953			125,135	667,811
Medical & First Aid	89,871	10,051		16		32	10,099	79,772
Teaching Materials	423,743	3,615		187,893			191,508	232,234
Utensils & Tools	289,419	31		47,642			47,673	241,747
Other Supplies & Services	87,060			2,043			2,043	85,017
Total Supplies	2,097,434	130,845		317,921	3,856	32	452,653	1,644,780
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	312,312							312,312
Vehicles	64,725			4,172			4,172	60,553
Computers & Telecom	276,685			3,151	8,551	2,788	14,490	262,195
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.				1,908			1,908	-1,908
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	653,722			9,232	8,551	2,788	20,570	633,151
Transport & Storage								
Storage	6,909				567		567	6,342
Distribution & Monitoring				100,150	5,836		105,986	-105,986
Transport & Vehicle Costs	644,032	81,208	1,284	73,075	25,768	-1,113	180,222	463,809
Total Transport & Storage	650,941	81,208	1,284	173,225	32,170	-1,113	286,775	364,166
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	876,421	1,808		3,731	32,157	229,673	267,368	609,053
Regionally Deployed Staff						123	123	-123
National Staff		6,143	3,686	23,650	3,171	-36,300	349	-349
National Society Staff	1,318,111	185,974	26	199,495	84,510	9,630	479,635	838,477
Consultants	37,803				260		260	37,543
Total Personnel	2,232,335	193,925	3,711	226,876	120,098	203,125	747,735	1,484,599
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	463,120	18,615		13,196	27,701	2,628	62,139	400,980
Total Workshops & Training	463,120	18,615		13,196	27,701	2,628	62,139	400,980
General Expenditure								
Travel	157,261	13,686	742	24,879	8,587	13,738	61,632	95,630
Information & Public Relation	200,648	16,591	9	29,788	11,866	-2,908	55,345	145,303
Office Costs	399,343	31,450		56,481	37,518	1,633	127,083	272,260
Communications	51,241	2,815	12	4,799	3,580	4,896	16,103	35,138
Professional Fees	130,923	19,089		52,732	7,021	1,574	80,417	50,506
Financial Charges	34,147	8,803		9,092	9,440	6,808	34,142	5
Other General Expenses	41,531	8,954	463	9,375	1,538	-3,232	17,097	24,434
Total General Expenditure	1,015,095	101,388	1,226	187,145	79,550	22,511	391,819	623,276
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers Others		299					299	-299
Total Contributions & Transfers		299					299	-299
Programme Support								
Program Support	494,462	36,158	428	64,482	18,805	15,368	135,240	359,222
Total Programme Support	494,462	36,158	428	64,482	18,805	15,368	135,240	359,222
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		-6,166	-62	-41	-649		-6,917	6,917
Total Operational Provisions		-6,166	-62	-41	-649		-6,917	6,917

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Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A						B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		2,288,453	1,313,899	2,191,506	1,411,557	401,692	7,607,108	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	7,607,108	556,271	6,588	992,036	290,082	245,339	2,090,314	5,516,793
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,732,183	1,307,311	1,199,470	1,121,476	156,353	5,516,793	

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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							
PLR401	CBFA	1,161	1,078,105	-556,566	522,700	2,288,453	1,731,887
PLR410	HIV/AIDS	0	20	296	316		296
PLR520	Health Activities	0	0		0		0
PLR522	HEALTH (DNNL)	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Health & Care		1,161	1,078,125	-556,271	523,016	2,288,453	1,732,183
Disaster Management							
PAO503	Floods	0	0		0		0
PLR003	Youth Reintegration	0	0		0		0
PLR160	Food security	6,679	506,130	-6,588	506,221	1,313,899	1,307,311
PLR161	ERT	0	0		0		0
PLR510	Relief	0	0		0		0
PLR521	N REFUGEES HEALTH	0	0		0		0
PLR601	CAS	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		6,679	506,130	-6,588	506,221	1,313,899	1,307,311
Humanitarian Values							
PLR163	CAR	88,840	1,406,911	-992,036	503,715	2,191,506	1,199,470
PLR301	Humanitarian Values	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Humanitarian Values		88,840	1,406,911	-992,036	503,715	2,191,506	1,199,470
Organisational Development							
PLR002	Organization dv	10,901	363,165	-236,063	138,004	1,268,547	1,032,484
PLR004	Youth Piggery/Poultr	0	0		0		0
PLR005	Youth Programme	0	80,423	-54,019	26,404	143,011	88,992
Sub-Total Organisational Development		10,901	443,588	-290,082	164,408	1,411,557	1,121,476
Coordination & Implement							
PLR101	Federation Coordinat	0	271,864	-245,339	26,525	401,692	156,353
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		0	271,864	-245,339	26,525	401,692	156,353
Total	Liberia	107,582	3,706,618	-2,090,314	1,723,885	7,607,108	5,516,793