

Mid-Year report



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The Liberian Red Cross food security officer inspects a seed bank under construction in Compoundsue, Gbarpolu County/Photo: Liberian Red Cross

In brief

Programme outcome: Based on the strategic aims under [Strategy 2020¹](#), the Liberian Red Cross Society (LRCS) aims to achieve the following outcomes: increase access to water and sanitation and reduced risk of other health related issues; reduced gender-based violence; enhanced capacity of the local chapters to address the management and governance; increased understanding of fundamental principles and humanitarian values; and increased participation of youth in community-based programmes.

Programme(s) summary: The LRCS made progress this far in the planned activities for 2010. The main focus was on disaster response in particularly responding to the floods and health related emergencies. Through the auxiliary role to the local authorities, the National Society (NS) effectively worked with government and collaborated with the local and international humanitarian agencies in serving the needs of the most vulnerable people.

To improve programme performance, monitoring and evaluation, LRCS carried out a review meeting of the programmes and an evaluation of the tuberculosis (TB) project, supported by the British Red Cross. The West African Partnership Programme (WAPP) carried out an assessment of the National Society's Capacity using three tools namely the gender audit, well functioning National Society and capacity assessment and performance indicators. A project proposal on water and sanitation (WatSan) was developed jointly with Danish and Swedish Red Cross representatives. An baseline assessment is underway for the WatSan project in Nimba, Bong and Grand Gedeh.

With the start of the rain season, the subsistence farmers under the agro programme been planting seed provided by the LRCS, and harvest is expected in the last half of the year. Swamp farming has

¹ Strategic aim 1: Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises
Strategic aim 2: Enable healthy and safe living
Strategic aim 3: Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

also started in some counties such as Gbarpolu, Sinoe and River Gee that were provided with seeds and tools for backyard gardening. The aim to improving food security among the communities.

Financial situation: The total (2010) budget is CHF 4,093,183 of which CHF 2,166,556 (53 per cent) covered during the reporting period (including opening balance). Overall expenditure during the reporting period was CHF 1,534,388 (37 per cent) of the budget.

[*Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.*](#)

No. of people we have reached: LRCS has reached 178,494 people directly through its programmes since the beginning of the year.

Our partners: The LRCS worked with the following Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners: IFRC, ICRC, and British, Canadian, Danish, Finnish, Netherlands, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish Red Cross. External partnerships includes Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), National AIDS and STIs Control Programme, Malaria Control Division and National Leprosy and TB Control Programme of the Ministry of Health, Lutheran World Service HIV and AIDS Programme, Ministries of Public Works and Internal Affairs and other civil society organizations, local and international humanitarian agencies.

Context

Preparatory work for the 163rd Independence Day Celebration to be held in Northern County of Nimba started with the construction of a hospital with a capacity of 100 beds which is near completion. A community college building with auditorium, library and classroom is expected to be officially opened during the celebrations.

The Population Threshold Bill to determine the number of representatives per county based on the latest population census is yet to be passed. There has consultation on the bill between the executive and the legislative offices of government. However, the National Elections Commission has begun its outreach programmes in preparation for voters' registration for the forthcoming 2011 national elections.

The rainy season is still affecting the work of farmers in most part of the country especially in the south-eastern part of the country. Road rehabilitation work continues in most part of the country.

The National Society conducted a mid-term review of its activities to determine progress on programming and the level of funding support. However findings show very low funding levels and latest financial reports indicated that most of the core positions are not funded (PMER², internal audit, logistics, and some field officers). At the end of the review session, it was agreed that LRCS engages its partners on constructive dialogue to address the funding gap for the rest of the year.

The external evaluation of the TB project took place in May 2010 community-based health programme (CBHP) and the PMER Unit and supported by the senior health advisor of the British Red Cross, TB focal person at the IFRC Secretariat in Geneva. The evaluation will determine future support to the LRCS in TB prevention and treatment. The final report for the evaluation is being compiled for submission to the Secretary General and other stakeholders.

A needs assessment to determine the way forward for the tracing activities was carried out led by an external consultant from Canada, who worked with LRCS and ICRC in other assessments in seven counties (Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Bassa, Lofa, Nimba, Bong and Montserrado).

During the first half of the year the LRCS Intensified Capacity Building (ICB) project proposal was approved. The project will be implemented over a three year period initially in Rivercess, Bomi, Bong and Montserrado. The LRCS is the only African National Society that has been selected for this project.

² PMER – planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting

LRCS officially launched the Women Integrated (WIN) project that seeks to provide opportunity for women empowerment and decision making. The Minister of Foreign Affairs who proxy for the President of Liberia, officially launched the women integrated (WIN) project. The launching was held at WIN Centre on Bushrod Island. In addition various sessions were conducted to sensitize communities on gender, equity, equality and non-discrimination against women and children.

On a goo note, LRCS has an improved human, material resources and sustainable financial capacity which has enabled it to be efficient and effective in the delivery of services to the most vulnerable. On staff development initiative, the disaster management team attended the West Africa Disaster Management Capacity Building (WADMBCB) training course held in Sierra Leone. The director of Humanitarian Values visited Sweden to profile the Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR) project and attended meetings together with a 2005 graduate from the CAR project.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme Component 1: Food Security

Outcome: Food security in six chapters has improved through the cultivation of 3,000 hectares of land

Achievements

Under the food security programme, local farmers targeted in Gbarpolu, Sinoe, River Gee, Bomi and Cape Mount donated 53,000 kg of seed rice in appreciation of the LRCS support after the harvest of 2009. The seeds were collected through the seed banks in the various communities. Through the community structures, the agro project has constructed 45 grain bank structures in five counties. Approximately 26,000 farming families in five counties received assorted farming tools and seeds during the first half of the year.

Programme Component 2: Disaster Preparedness

Outcome 1: The effects of disaster have reduced through an efficient and effective disaster risk reduction plan

Achievements

The DM programme launched a disaster risk reduction (DRR) project with 500 women as the first beneficiaries. DRR drama clubs were established in schools in seven chapters. Three staff members attended a course in DRR under the WADMBCB project in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The course provided the participants knowledge to conduct training of trainers (ToT) in Liberia.

Programme Component 3: Disaster Response

Outcome1: Community members have gained knowledge and skills in response to disasters in their areas, and are capable of promptly and effectively responding during disasters. The knowledge and skills gained from training sessions will enable Red Cross staff and volunteers to put in place disaster response mechanisms to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people. This will further be enhanced through sensitization and dissemination of key disaster preventive messages in disaster prone areas.

Achievements

The DM department is working with various stakeholders from the Ministries of Health and Internal Affairs to develop a country-wide plan on the H2P. This plan will lead to a national strategy to address any issue of emergency including the H2P. The DM programmes also trained 45 first responders in seven chapters for the H2P project.

As part of mitigating the impact of disaster, the LRCS distributed 57 bundles of zinc to five victims in Tewor Fahnbulleh, in Cape Mount County whose structures were destroyed by a storm

Health and Care

Programme Component 1: HIV and AIDS

Outcome 1: Through training, Red Cross staff, volunteers and community members have achieved knowledge and skills in sensitizing and disseminating key messages on sexual reproductive health and rights' issues including HIV and AIDS, and sex and gender-based violence (SGBV).

Outcome 2: The trained staff and volunteers are conducting community sensitization and awareness to increase the community knowledge and promote behavioural change in sexual habits.

Achievements

LRCS recruited a new HIV and AIDS supervisor and has been working with people living with HIV (PLHIV) to form a network focusing on the reduction in the spread of the pandemic in two counties, Grand Cape Mount and Margibi. The project has identified 60 peer educators from four youth groups and established Mothers' Clubs with 90 women from the target communities to ensure parents participation in the HIV awareness activities. The HIV and AIDS unit will be working through these Mothers' Clubs to break the silence among young people in these localities. As part of the strategies of reaching out to the ordinary people in the community, the project is disseminating, through local radio stations, HIV and AIDS prevention messages in local languages in the target counties. The unit has conducted project management training for staff members in Margibi and Cape-Mount chapters. New HIV and AIDS projects have been launched and project support equipment procured for these chapters. Orientation meetings had already been conducted for local authorities and key stakeholders in the chapters.

National Society established partnership with two groups of PLHIV, Positive Living Association and Light Association aimed at increasing community awareness and knowledge of HIV and AIDS reduce discrimination and advocate for the rights of PLHIV. The LRCS has distributed more than 150,000 pieces of male condoms at various distribution points and 14,238 pieces during meetings and education sessions in 16 communities of 783 dwellers. More than 500 communities have been sensitized on the prevention and control of HIV and AIDS through leaflets, flyers among other means of message dissemination.

Programme Component 2: Health and Hygiene

Outcome 1: Increased awareness and sensitization in the community to reduce morbidity and mortality as well as reduce stigma and discrimination among people diagnosed with TB in the target communities.

Achievements

The TB programme conducted the first evaluation of the activities. The British Red Cross senior health advisor was in Liberia for the review in nine communities in Montserrado County. The TB pilot project conducted 2,273 house-to-house visits in the nine communities reaching 29,280 with TB prevention and control messages. The pilot project also provided psychological support to 20 clients on TB treatment and referred 15 suspected cases to the four TB treatment centres for testing. The LRCS also participated in the commemoration of the World TB Day in four chapters by carrying out sensitization activities leading to increased awareness on the prevention and control of TB.

The baseline survey undertaken by the malaria project was completed in 30 communities with the support of 60 volunteers and use of 300 questionnaires for data collection. End of project surveys were carried out in 94 existing project communities to assess changes in knowledge, practice and attitude in malaria prevention and control. Sensitization of communities in malaria prevention and control continued during this period. The volunteer conducted house-to house visits in 124 project communities in order to reach the most remote part of the communities. Training and refresher programme were also conducted for volunteers. The National Society supported by USAID and the Canadian Red Cross participated in the distribution of 50,000 mosquito nets.

Programme Component 3: Water and Sanitation

Outcome 1: Improved and increased access to sustained safe drinking water and improved sanitary measures have led to reduced diseases related to poor sanitation in eight chapters.

Outcome 2: The capacity of communities in preventing sanitary diseases and responding effectively to the potential outbreak of water related diseases is built.

Achievements

In WatSan, the LRCS signed a MoU with 219 communities in eight chapters that define the roles and responsibilities of the LRCS and the communities. In addition, the National Society conducted community needs assessment and consultations in eight chapters to discuss WatSan and select vulnerable communities for project implementation. A total of 171 wells and 18 pour flush latrines were constructed in target communities.

Approximately 219 water committees have been revitalized in the target communities and 151 wells rehabilitated in five chapters. Eight hand pumps and 19 latrines were constructed in Bomi and Sinoe Counties, whilst 10 school latrines and five school wells were rehabilitated in Bomi. In Bong and Nimba, the Red Cross constructed nine pour flush latrines and three wells with additional five hand wash facilities near five of the latrines in Nimba.

The LRCS continued to support the communities to erect dish racks in eight communities in two counties. With support from the IFRC and the ICRC, LRCS procured WatSan tools and materials for 11 chapters. Sixty pupils and 20 teachers from 10 schools in Bomi were trained to be members of the WASH Friendly School Clubs. The LRCS in collaboration with the Danish Red Cross has completed the formulation of the EU water project to be carried out in three chapters of Nimba, Bong and Grand Gedeh.

Programme Component 4: Health and Hygiene

Outcome 1: Increased community knowledge in prevention of communicable diseases, especially malaria among children under five years and pregnant women and improved immunization of children under five years, pregnant women and women of child bearing age.

Achievements

The LRCS intensified the dissemination of health and hygiene messages focusing on good hygiene practice and disease prevention and reaching 25,384 persons in 343 communities in 10 chapters. The Red Cross distributed community clean-up tools to five communities and collaborated with Monrovia City Corporation to conduct regular clean-up campaigns in slums to prevent disease outbreaks. The National Society conducted health and hygiene promotion education focusing on proper hand washing techniques and proper garbage disposals for 2,585 community members in 16 communities. Twelve health sessions on voluntary blood donation and testing were carried out for more than 150 participants including pupils and community members.

The LRCS had a meeting with the Ministry of Health to harmonize the community-based health and First Aid (CBHFA) roll-out document and process. A five-day national CBHFA training workshop was conducted for six LRCS staff members from the headquarters and 30 from the chapters.

National Society Development

Programme Component 1: Governance Support and Chapter development

Outcome 1: LRCS statutes are updated and adjusted to existing realities, and they are based on the "Guidelines for National Society Statutes".

Outcome 2: LRCS governance and management are strengthened with increased awareness on respective roles and responsibilities to ensure accountability.

Outcome 3: A decentralization plan is developed and implemented, which establishes strategic priorities by strengthening local chapter/branch capacities, while the national headquarters takes on a technical, supervisory and coordination role.

Outcome 4: LRCS has established and put in place an institutional, sustainable and dynamic volunteers' network in favour of, and assisting vulnerable communities and individuals.

Outcome 5: LRCS headquarters and chapters have improved physical infrastructure and better office environment enhancing efficient and effective management functions at all levels.

Outcome 6: Partnerships and cooperation is increased within and outside the Movement.

Achievements

LRCS agreed with local construction firms to start the construction of branch offices in Grand Gedeh (Zleh Town and Toe Town) and Lofa (Zorzor and Kolahun). The construction work started during the

reporting period at all these sites with progress being reported. The late conclusion of the legal process delayed the start of the construction work.

Draft decentralization plan submitted by the Liberia Institute for Public Administration has been circulated to relevant stakeholders for review and comments for the final compilation of the plan. Under the West Africa Partnership Programme, the organisational development (OD) team conducted assessment in three chapters (Sinoe, Margibi and Bassa) using tools such as capacity assessment performance indicators, gender audit and well functioning national society. The result of this assessment, which is being compiled by a local consultant, will determine the pace of implementation of the project in these counties.

The OD unit with support from PMER and the Canadian Red Cross OD delegate completed the updated logical framework for the West Africa Partnership Programme and compiled the data base and photograph of volunteers in eleven chapters. Some 1,004 volunteers registered/reaffirmed with 450 taken their photos for access passes, and 400 received their access passes. The OD unit also conducted a three-day strategic planning training for senior and middle level managers. The training was facilitated by a local consultant firm, Sengbe Group Inc.

Programme Component 2: Resource Development and Communications

Outcome 1: LRCS has a viable commercial first-aid programme that is generating revenue for chapters and headquarters in a sustainable manner.

Outcome 2: 150 rural communities (10 per county) have the capacity to provide first-aid response during emergency, accidents and sudden illnesses to reduce the rate of casualties within their localities.

Outcome 3: LRCS has improved staff competence to provide first-aid training and respond to emergency at chapter and headquarters levels.

Outcome 4: The LRCS is generating a steady flow of income in the fifteen chapters through a subsidiary company that is credible, competitive and accountable.

Outcome 5: Local support to the LRCS is increasing from fundraising activities and through strategic relationships cultivated with prominent individuals, corporate and non-corporate organizations and businesses.

Outcome 6: Headquarters dissemination staff and chapter humanitarian values officers have capacity to effectively promote and disseminate Red Cross knowledge.

Outcome 7: Profiling and promoting the LRCS activities has enhanced public relations, strengthened awareness, respect and support for humanitarian values.

Outcome 8: Red Cross advocacy campaigns on the impact of climate change and diseases have increasingly sensitized the public, the government and industrial organizations to take actions to reduce health and environmental hazards in communities around the country.

Outcome 10: Exploring humanitarian law with the integration of recreational and voluntary activities in 150 schools and four youth centres around the country has enhanced the promotion of the Red Cross image and expanding voluntary membership.

Achievements

The LRCS has been focusing on enhancing income generating projects to its cover core cost. Toward this end, the resource department has completed a 20-room guesthouse in Sanniquellie, Nimba County. The guest house will be used to generate income to cover the core cost of the LRCS. In addition, a vehicle mileage recovery system and commercial First Aid have been generating some income for the National Society. The income from the commercial First Aid has helped to complete the guesthouse. The vehicle mileage system has increased the fleet base including the hiring of a truck from IFRC Dubai Fleet Base.

LRCS communications unit visited project areas in Cape Mount, Margibi, Montserrado, River Gee, Grand Gedeh, Nimba and Bong counties with journalists and multi-media specialists from STAR Radio and Kreative Group respectively. Part of this mission was Sarah Oughton, an international writer from the British Red Cross. The field visits aimed to generate case studies, photographs and the content for a 20-minute video on LRCS core activities.

The communication unit officially launched "Beyond the Signpost" programme and is broadcasting on STAR Radio. The programme provides an opportunity to increase visibility and public knowledge on the impact of LRCS activities in the country. The department has also developed and recorded Red

Cross messages for the 16 tribes of Liberia. Each chapter has received copies of the recorded messages in the local languages predominantly spoken in their chapters.

Programme Component 3: Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Outcome 1: The knowledge of the LRCS staff has increased through training in project cycle management, and monitoring and evaluation (Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting —ME&R) and has ensured that an effective, efficient and well coordinated monitoring system is in place;

Outcome 2: Communities' and partners' satisfaction with LRCS programme implementation has increased and LRCS credibility is enhanced

Outcome 3: Timely, factual, effective and informative reports are being produced and circulated to donors/partners, and have led to increased support to LRCS programmes;

Outcome 4: Capacity of staff of the Unit has been strengthened through training while provision of equipment and supplies have enhanced their work and increased their performance

Achievements

During the reporting period, the Unit conducted training in projects/programmes planning process for senior and middle level managers of the National Society. The training is expected to lead to development of a national logical framework of the National Society using the IFRC approved format. As part of its normal routine, the PMER unit conducted monitoring field visits to chapters to ensure projects are implemented in accordance with project implementation agreements. The unit also conducted coaching sessions on the monitoring tools and reporting formats to ensure quality standards, timely monitoring and reporting of project activities.

The PMER unit worked with the external evaluator from the British Red Cross to conduct the CAR and TB evaluations. The unit also co-led the assessment of the tracing programme of the LRCS, jointly carried out with ICRC. The finding from the assessment will guide the redesigning of the programme.

Programme Component 4: Finance and Administration

Outcome 1: Increased credibility and accountability through external audits of all the LNRCS activities.

Outcome 2: Increased capacity for chapter field officers to administer financial management functions leading to accountability and transparency.

Outcome 3: Improved financial management system at LRCS headquarters and chapters through the adoption of a clear and well-understood chapter accounting manual and the computerization of the LRCS accounting system.

Outcome 4: Improved financial management leading to clearance from the International Federation to qualify for direct cash transfer.

Outcome 5: Increased capability of finance and administration staff to carry out their functions through advanced external and local training sessions.

Outcome 6: A well-functioning human resource system is in place through the computerization of personnel data base.

Outcome 7: A well-functioning logistics and IT system leading to efficient and reliable service delivery.

Achievements

Technical support missions were carried out to Lofa, Grand Gedeh, and River Gee Chapters to provide help field level staff effectively use financial procedures such as the utilization of working advances issued to chapters for programme implementation. Areas covered were: making request for payment to implement activities, quality of receipts, recording of expenditure, filing of financial documents.

Finance and administration unit provided 13 pieces of metal safes for chapters as means of providing security for working advances. Each chapter's safe will be operated jointly by the beneficiary chapters' field officers and treasurers.

Field officers and volunteer officers from the fifteen chapters were trained on the use of the volunteer database established by the OD unit. The unit assisted the creation of official email addresses for Chapter staff members for official communication. The LRCS website is being redesigned to be consistent with the branding of the LRCS and increasing capacity to publish more information on the programmes and other actions of the National Society.

Principles and Values

Programme Component 1: Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR)

Outcome 1: Through the implementation of the CAR project in two counties, 20 communities have fully accepted the LNRCS CAR project, continued their cooperation and have registered as members of the Red Cross

Outcome 2: By increasing residents' knowledge in child protection and youth development strategies in Montserrado and Grand Gedeh Counties, child's rights and values have been restored in the families and neighbourhood in 20 CAR communities;

Outcome 3: Specialized training programmes for staff of the two CAR centres have equipped them, and increased their knowledge and skills, allowing them to carry out their roles and functions in a highly competent manner

Outcome 4: Psycho-social, welfare and recreational support for CAR beneficiaries, their families and communities have reduced the traumatic effect of their war experiences holistically, and increased their sense of belonging, well-being and worth

Outcome 5: The skills training component has increased CAR youth's capacity to make an earning and contribute to their livelihood, that of their families and communities

Outcome 2: In fulfilment of the community support component, CAR in collaboration with CBHP has increased awareness on health and hygiene and HIV/AIDS, and has improved health and hygiene practices in the CAR communities

Outcome 6: The advocacy and awareness activities on child rights within the CAR communities have improved development opportunities for CAR children and their peers

Outcome 7: National Societies in the Mano River Region (Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea) engaged in humanitarian values, have decided on issues and action plans for advocacy for war-affected children in the region

Outcome 8: The CAR programme has produced informative, result-based reports due to good monitoring and supervisory practices and the CAR centres are well managed through a monitoring, evaluation and staff appraisal system

Achievements

CAR Monrovia and CAR Zwedru Centres have enrolled 300 new students during the year. As part of support to the development of the children, the centres conducted one-to-one counselling sessions, group counselling sessions and family visits to provide psycho-social support to the beneficiaries and families. Furthermore a one-day sensitization workshop to discuss issues of early marriage and rights of children was conducted with beneficiaries, parents and community leaders in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County. As part of ensuring that graduates continue to make impact in their communities following the training at the CAR Centre, LRCS staff made follow-up visits to assess the progress of 17 graduates (11 male and six female) of the CAR Centre.

Programme Component 2: Youth Development

Outcome 1: Beneficiaries of the Red Cross School Club project have developed various social life skills and have increased their interaction with other youth groups through sports, drama, peace education and community service activities.

Outcome 2: Through the Girl Units project, young girls have developed self-esteem and are meaningfully contributing to the development of their various school communities, are actively participating in decision making in school club projects and are leading their meetings

Outcome 3: The LRCS Youth to Youth Peace Building activities have reduced violence, increased peaceful interaction and young people are serving as peace ambassadors and promoters of humanitarian values in their local communities

Outcome 4: Students from various schools in the 15 counties are knowledgeable and are involved in Red Cross activities. Red Cross School Club leaders are trained in volunteering services to their communities.

Outcome 5: Through the Garden Club project, youth are actively contributing to the production of food crops in their different localities.

Outcome 6: The values of disabled and youth amputees have increased; they have been driven from street beggars' status to productive citizens in six communities in two counties.

Achievements

The youth department carried out a one-day clean-up campaign in Monrovia and facilitated a one-day sport festival in Montserrado County. Out of the four clean-up exercise planned, one was conducted at Browerville, Morton corner community involving 150 youths (35 girls and 115 boys). The campaign

ended with Kickball and Football games and winners from both competitions received one set of jersey each. The idea is to promote behavioural change at the level of the community, reduce malaria and water-borne diseases and create healthy environment where children play, and enhance the sense of community ownership.

In an efforts to develop the girls' self-esteem and values, a one-day girls' units' rotational meeting was conducted at the following schools: D. Tweh High, Clara Town Elementary school, JJ Roberts, and St Peter Lutheran. The meeting is a usual follow-up of the girls' programme to encourage them to respect their leaders and promote gender equity in their respective localities. The department also facilitated the hosting of weekly recreational and sporting activities in eight schools to strengthen the school club.

Programme Component 3: Women integration project

Outcome 1: The LRCS women and war programme are accepted and established in communities in three counties where the concentration of women is large.

Outcome 2: Through the psycho-socio and counselling activities, the beneficiaries of the women programme have rediscovered their values and are living positive lives in their communities.

Outcome 3: Through the provision of nine months of skills training and provision of start-up kits, beneficiaries of the women programme are living a normal life and supporting themselves.

Outcome 4: The LRCS has built a strong advocacy and information network for women's rights and values in collaboration with stakeholders within the National Society, targeted communities and in the society.

Outcome 1: Through the placement of a qualified management and staff team, the women programme is successful in achieving its objectives and well managed.

Achievements

The women project was officially launched by the Minister of Foreign Affairs who represented the President of Liberia Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. The training centre is now being used for training of 200 women. The centre has worked with the women to organize seven other women groups in three communities. The centre also provides individual and group counselling to beneficiaries of the centre.

Constraints or Challenges

- Securing the required funding support implement the planned OD activities remains a key challenge;
- A second challenge is to build long-term relationships with bilateral, multilateral and other external partners;
- Securing needed items to timely respond to disasters especially to cater for high inflow of victims during disasters;
- Recruitment and retention of community volunteers, especially in the midst of rural-urban migration in search of better opportunities is a major challenge;
- Limited storage facilities at the different chapters are another challenge.

Working in partnership

IFRC	Technical assistance, finance development, coordination and management, monitoring and evaluation
Danish Red Cross	WatSan, Health and Hygiene, HIV and AIDS, disaster management
ICRC	Restoring Family Links, Youth Development, First Aid, Food Security, Relief, WatSan and OD
Spanish Red Cross	Disaster Management, WatSan, Health and Hygiene, HIV and AIDS, Youth Development, Women Project
Finnish Red Cross	Health and Hygiene, HIV and AIDS, WatSan
British Red Cross	HIV and AIDS, Health and Hygiene, WatSan and Organizational Development
Canadian Red Cross	Gender and Child Protection, Organizational Development, Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation
Swedish Red Cross	Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation, CBHP, Youth/Girls Unit,

	DM and OD
Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency	Disaster Management
Netherlands Red Cross	Organizational Development
Norwegian Red Cross	Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation
National AIDS/STI Control Program	HIV and AIDS prevention and care
Ministry of Health and Social Welfare	Malaria/TB
Ministry of Internal Affairs	Disaster Management and Response
Ministry of Agriculture	Food Security
Ministry of Gender and Development	Child Protection
Ministry of Education	Accelerated Learning Programme
WHO	Malaria Control
UNICEF	Youth Development
USAID	Malaria Control

Contributing to longer-term impact

The scaling-up of income generating projects will help the National Society cover its core cost, thus contributing to the sustainability of the programmes. So far LRCS income generation projects on commercial First Aid and the vehicle mileage recovery system has enable the National Society to maintain the fleet with little or no financial input from donors/partners.

The recently approved Intensified Capacity Building project supported by the IFRC will ensure the capacity development of the Chapters capacity toward the decentralization process. The training of first responders in the event of Human Pandemic outbreak will ensure effectiveness in community preparedness and mitigation of the impact. The new structure, of the community disaster response teams will facilitate the community sensitization on hazards and their impact. The Health and Care Programme working in partnership with established community structures will ensure preventive mechanism that lead to a safe environment and reduce the spread of diseases.

The National Society long-term development plan on capacity building for programme and chapter staff members will ensure sustainability and continuity of programmes. The training provided to women and youth will contribute to the reduction in poverty at household level. Children trained under the CAR project will contribute to food basket of their local communities and families.

Looking ahead

With the lessons learnt from various collaborations with other agencies, the National Society will further strengthen partnership with local communities in developing local structures for voluntary service. The headquarters will provide technical support to enhance the work of the departments and community partnership.

The National Society will continue working under the Country Cooperation Agreement Strategy in order to ensure a smooth working environment with multilateral and bilateral partners. All efforts will be focused on ensuring that the National Society covers its core cost through income generating programmes. The National Society will mobilize youth volunteers and establish youth driven initiatives that will enhance their involvement in national development.

The programmes will build on activities implemented during the first half of the year. The second half of the year will focus on strengthening the capacity at local level by completing this year's capacity building effort and increase revenue from income generating activities including commercial First Aid, fleet management and guesthouse, amongst others.

How we work

All Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to:

Inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/1-2010/6
Budget Timeframe	2010/1-2010/12
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Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	542,066	1,452,162	768,265	1,163,859	166,832	4,093,183
B. Opening Balance	-83	13,475	18,551	-61,638	1,134	-28,561
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
British Red Cross		84,488	58,974	93,331	8,429	245,222
British Red Cross (from Astra Zeneca)		80,476				80,476
British Red Cross (from DFID - British Government)			47,651			47,651
Canadian Red Cross	86,363					86,363
DFID Partnership grant	91,713					91,713
Finnish Red Cross		-457				-457
Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)		-2,588				-2,588
Norwegian Red Cross				226,704		226,704
Other		3,045				3,045
Swedish Red Cross			7,660	138,603	24,533	170,796
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)	14,554		41,477		9,500	65,531
United States Government - USAID		149,728				149,728
C1. Cash contributions	192,629	314,692	155,762	458,638	42,462	1,164,184
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
British Red Cross				-90,939		-90,939
British Red Cross (from DFID - British Government)			-415			-415
DFID Partnership grant	90,179					90,179
Norwegian Red Cross			55,010	211,299		266,308
Swedish Red Cross		0	91,754	442,705	-24,461	509,998
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)	14,065	0	40,084	0		54,149
United States Government - USAID		-44,443				-44,443
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	104,243	-44,443	186,433	563,064	-24,461	784,837
<u>Income reserved for future periods</u>						
British Red Cross				90,939		90,939
British Red Cross (from DFID - British Government)			49,603			49,603
United States Government - USAID		105,554				105,554
C3. Income reserved for future periods		105,554	49,603	90,939		246,096
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	296,873	375,803	391,799	1,112,641	18,001	2,195,117
D. Total Funding = B + C	296,790	389,278	410,350	1,051,003	19,135	2,166,556
Appeal Coverage	55%	27%	53%	90%	11%	53%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	-83	13,475	18,551	-61,638	1,134	-28,561
C. Income	296,873	375,803	391,799	1,112,641	18,001	2,195,117
E. Expenditure	-174,413	-335,135	-252,551	-763,723	-8,565	-1,534,388
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	122,377	54,143	157,798	287,280	10,570	632,168

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance A - B
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		542,066	1,452,162	768,265	1,163,859	166,832	4,093,183	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	22,584			3,291			3,291	19,292
Clothing & textiles	46,377				4,165		4,165	42,212
Food	88,076		21		58,335	22	58,377	29,699
Seeds,Plants	67,872	42,184					42,184	25,688
Water & Sanitation	132,544	265	14,852	651	2,538		18,306	114,238
Medical & First Aid	42,748				269		269	42,478
Teaching Materials	172,687			1,649	204,134		205,783	-33,096
Utensils & Tools	154,967	8,023			58		8,082	146,885
Other Supplies & Services	40,866	104	2,158	4,338	5,404	-1,030	10,973	29,893
Total Supplies	768,720	50,576	17,031	9,929	274,903	-1,008	351,431	417,289
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	209,705			15,012	26,525		41,537	168,168
Vehicles	4,302			37			37	4,265
Computers & Telecom	96,422	516	24,120	159	5,735		30,530	65,891
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	17,744		3,743	1,884			5,627	12,117
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	328,172	516	27,863	17,093	32,260		77,732	250,441
Transport & Storage								
Storage	4,302		35		576		611	3,691
Distribution & Monitoring		630		349	7,032		8,011	-8,011
Transport & Vehicle Costs	437,235	18,959	35,880	23,258	52,798	5,444	136,338	300,897
Total Transport & Storage	441,537	19,588	35,915	23,608	60,405	5,444	144,960	296,577
Personnel								
International Staff	119,048			80	13,727	3,795	17,602	101,446
National Staff					36		36	-36
National Society Staff	1,020,957	37,969	76,434	66,024	167,874	355	348,656	672,301
Consultants	22,730				1,131		1,131	21,599
Total Personnel	1,162,735	37,969	76,434	66,105	182,768	4,150	367,426	795,310
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	260,418		42,033	51,007	17,752		110,791	149,627
Total Workshops & Training	260,418		42,033	51,007	17,752		110,791	149,627
General Expenditure								
Travel	87,105		349	7,555	10,334	-1,198	17,039	70,066
Information & Public Relation	343,043	2,002	38,244	25,097	17,461	264	83,068	259,975
Office Costs	282,269	3,847	5,826	19,375	34,687	34	63,769	218,500
Communications	24,143	2,156	2,681	9,845	22,444	350	37,476	-13,333
Professional Fees	68,582	1,735		5,730	53,731		61,196	7,385
Financial Charges	46,422	7,223	1,871	778	12,587	-126	22,332	24,090
Other General Expenses	13,980		1,257				1,257	12,724
Total General Expenditure	865,544	16,963	50,228	68,380	151,243	-676	286,137	579,408
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			120,998				120,998	-120,998
Total Contributions & Transfers			120,998				120,998	-120,998
Programme Support								
Program Support	266,057	12,121	22,337	16,682	49,034	430	100,604	165,453
Total Programme Support	266,057	12,121	22,337	16,682	49,034	430	100,604	165,453
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		36,681	-57,704	-251	-4,643	226	-25,690	25,690
Total Operational Provisions		36,681	-57,704	-251	-4,643	226	-25,690	25,690
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	4,093,183	174,413	335,135	252,551	763,723	8,565	1,534,388	2,558,795

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BUDGET (C)		542,066	1,452,162	768,265	1,163,859	166,832	4,093,183	
VARIANCE (C - D)		367,653	1,117,026	515,713	400,136	158,267	2,558,795	