

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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HORN OF AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

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In Brief

Programme Update no. 1.

Period covered: 2 January to 7 June 2006.

Appeal target: CHF 3,669,000 (USD 2,796,000 or EUR 2,371,000).

Appeal coverage: 16.8%.

Outstanding needs: CHF 3,054,000 (USD 2,483,000 or EUR 1,945,000).

Appeal 2006-2007: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA64004.pdf>

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Related Emergency Appeal: Ethiopia: Drought– <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRET001.pdf> – Appeal no. MDRET001.

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- *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: The response of donors to this appeal has been slow and has adversely affected the implementation rate of the Horn of Africa sub-regional programmes, particularly the Djibouti Red Crescent Society's (DRCS) health programme as well as the Ethiopian Red Cross Society's (ERCS) organizational development and Humanitarian Values programmes. Despite this enormous challenge, the two national societies continue with their programmes targeting the most vulnerable communities. The Horn of Africa sub-region, through its organizational development delegate, focused its support on building the DRCS governance and management structures through facilitation of elections in the two remaining regional branches (Ali Sabieh and Djibouti City) and the revision of the national society's statutes.

Since the launch of the Ethiopia drought Emergency Appeal on 23 February 2006, the disaster management resources of the ERCS have mainly focused on providing assistance to 63,620 beneficiaries. The national society, through its volunteers, has provided emergency water trucking to the drought-affected population. In addition, long-term rehabilitation interventions, including water and sanitation (WatSan) as well as livelihood support projects are planned as part of the operation.

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A new 5 year regional food security programme was agreed at a regional drought review committee meeting, convened from 25 to 27 April at the regional delegation in Nairobi. This programme will be included in the East Africa regional programmes. Therefore, the food security programme for Horn of Africa programme will be closed and activities will be continued under the new regional programme.

Ethiopia was included in the Global Water and Sanitation Initiative (GWSI), and an application was submitted to the European Union's (EU) Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Water Facility.

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Djibouti

Operational developments

Djibouti held its regional and local elections in March and April 2006, as part of its decentralization programme. During that process, municipal and regional councils were created. These new council structures will facilitate the development of the Djibouti Red Crescent Society's (DRCS) local and regional branches.

Health and care

Through its integrated health project, the DRCS continued with health promotion activities targeting pregnant women, new mothers, the elderly and children aged under five years. The capacity building of the target communities and volunteers on Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST), peer education and HIV/AIDS prevention was enhanced in Balbala. Since 2005, a total of 15 women's associations have received training in peer education and PHAST. These associations have a potential coverage of 600 households.

Goal: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti has a sustainable impact upon the general health of targeted communities through its health programme.

Objective: The national society's capacity in community health and care programming is facilitated through Federation support.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The profile of the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti as a key actor in solving community health problems has been raised by 2007.

No report during this period.

Expected result 2: Integrated health and care pilot projects within the ARCHI framework have been expanded by 2007.

Training in peer education and PHAST has been conducted for 15 women's associations since 2005, which have the potential to cover 600 households. PHAST toolkits were also developed for use by the volunteers. Plans are on course to train 22 volunteers in peer education, PHAST and PHASTER in Balbala in June.

700 insecticide treated mosquito nets (ITNs) were distributed to vulnerable groups, including pregnant women, new mothers, the elderly and children aged under five.

Communal clean-up campaigns were conducted within a neighbourhood, involving 400 households — mainly women and youth drawn from the project area — in Balbala.

The national society participated in a Ministry of Health (MoH)-led polio vaccination campaign targeting children from 0-5 years conducted in Balbala in May/June. The World Health Organization (WHO) and Rotary Club also assisted with the campaign.



DRCS volunteers and community members conduct a clean-up campaign in Balbala.

Expected result 3: Strategic partnerships, to address the challenges in public health and technical input for the same, have been developed and promoted particularly with Save the Children, United Nations programmes on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the government.

Planned activities include meetings with international agencies and government authorities to discuss ways of preventing HIV/AIDS and controlling malaria. These will commence in June.

Expected result 4: HIV/AIDS prevention activities have been increased.

The national society's volunteers prepared plays on hygiene behaviour and HIV/AIDS to sensitize communities on good hygiene practices and HIV/AIDS prevention. Activities planned from June include the running of two HIV/AIDS information centres, which were reopened at the end of 2005 (at the start of the project) in Arhiba and Quartier 2 in Djibouti City.

Impact

- The number of community associations involved in the integrated health project has risen from 4 with a membership of over 400 households, to 15 with a membership of over 600 households.
- With its community-based activities, there is a clear indication of community participation in the design and implementation of the project activities, leading to a sense of ownership.

Constraints

- The national society lacks communication materials for use in the HIV/AIDS programme.
- Poor donor response and the delay in receiving funds have affected the implementation rate of the health programme.

Organizational development

The Horn of Africa sub-region, through its organizational development (OD) delegate, focused its support on building the national society's governance and management structures as a first step towards building effective and empowered leadership, governance as well as management. This was in accordance with the Framework for Action 2006-2010.

Goal: Implementation of the characteristics of a well-functioning national society has improved in the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti in the areas of foundation, capacity and performance.

Objective: The national society's institutional capacity and its progress towards operating as a well functioning national society is enhanced through Secretariat support.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti has elected committees in six districts by 2006.

Of the two remaining regional assemblies, one was conducted in Ali Sabieh region in April and the last regional assembly is planned for Djibouti city in July, following which three local assemblies will be conducted in June. The electoral process will culminate into the national society's general assembly scheduled for 6 to 8 November 2006. The revision of the national society's statutes has been undertaken. Meetings are planned with the national society's governance committee, which is expected to review the statutes prior to the Geneva-based Joint ICRC/Federation Statutes Commission.

Expected result 2: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti has elected a new national committee at its first general assembly by the first quarter of 2006.

The national society's general assembly did not take place in the second half of 2005 as originally planned due to the involvement of the DRCS in food distribution during the drought operation in the country. The general assembly is now scheduled for 6 to 8 November 2006.

Expected result 3: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti has designed a strategic plan by end 2006.

A draft strategic plan for 2007-2010, including health, disaster preparedness, humanitarian values and organizational development strategies, has been drawn up in consultation with the DRCS governance and management.

Expected result 4: An adequate management structure is in place to facilitate successful implementation of the national society activities by 2007.

A new organizational structure (organogram) has been designed and is awaiting governance approval. A meeting will be organized thereafter during which the organogram will be presented to regional committees for adoption prior to its implementation.

Expected result 5: Small-scale community-based projects have been launched at branch level in the field of malaria prevention and HIV/AIDS awareness.

No report during this period.

Impact

- Since the management training conducted in Ali Sabieh region in April, two progress reports have been submitted to the national society headquarters.
- Weekly staff meetings are held at the DRCS headquarters, leading to better coordination within the three programme departments.
- During the process leading to the regional assemblies in Ali Sabieh and Djibouti town, the Djibouti Red Crescent Society has recruited 90 new members between April and May, thus strengthening the national society's membership base.

Constraints

- The national society's governance structure at the headquarters requires further strengthening.
- The national society lacks a strong financial resource base.
- Lack of human resource capacity to implement planned activities in a timely manner.

Humanitarian Values

The Humanitarian Values programme mainly focused on the ICRC-funded activities, including a survey to establish the image of the Djibouti Red Crescent Society among the population as well as volunteer self-evaluation trainings and dissemination sessions.

Goal: Movement Principles and Humanitarian Values are known and respected throughout the region and discrimination against vulnerable groups is reduced.

Objective: The information unit of the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti is an active member of the regional communications forum, has developed its potential to respond to humanitarian emergencies, and has increased the capacity of the national society to promote Movement Principles and Humanitarian Values in the Eastern Africa region.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The development and capacity building of the national society's information unit to meet minimum technical, professional and human resource standards - as approved by the Red Cross Red Crescent Network for East Africa (RC-Net).

The DRCS, in collaboration with the ICRC, conducted an assessment in Djibouti City and the regions to establish its image among the population. The assessment, which surveyed a sample of 100 people, included the young and the elderly. Among its findings, 43 per cent of the population is aware of the Red Cross/Red Crescent activities, with 80% of this percentage being elderly.

In March, branch self-evaluation trainings on behaviour of volunteers during emergency situations, targeting 20 volunteers per region, were conducted in Arta, Dikhil and Tajourah regions by the ICRC. Three other regions (Ali Sabieh, Obock and Tajourah) will receive similar trainings. Finally, four dissemination sessions were carried out by the ICRC on the Movement.

Impact

- No observable impact at the time of reporting. However, it is hoped that through the programme, the image of the national society will be promoted for better visibility within Djibouti City, and ultimately the whole country.

Constraint

- Lack of capacity to implement planned activities in a timely manner.

Ethiopia

Operational developments

At the beginning of 2006, more than 11 million people were facing serious food shortages in East Africa and the Horn of Africa due to severe drought coupled with the effects of past and/or ongoing conflicts. Among the affected countries were Ethiopia, Djibouti, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. In Ethiopia, about 1.7 million people faced food insecurity and required assistance as a result of the drought. In addition, there were about 638,000 people in dire need of water. In total, some 2.6 million people in Ethiopia were in need of emergency food assistance. This humanitarian situation led to a drought Emergency Appeal, on 23 February 2006 to assist 36,341 beneficiaries for CHF 1,452,294 for 12 months. This Appeal was later revised through Operations Update no. 1, which increased the number of beneficiaries from 36,341 to 63,620 and revised the Appeal budget to CHF 1, 877,033.

Health and care

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) continued with the WatSan projects initiated in 2005 in South Wollo, West Harerge, Gamo Goffa and Wollayita regions. A micro-irrigation project, hand dug wells and shallow wells were successfully completed.

As regards the HIV/AIDS programme, the national society is contemplating extending its care and support programme in line with the government's recent strategy of providing anti-retroviral treatment (ART). An HIV/AIDS strategy will be developed.

Goal: The health and care for vulnerable households and communities $\frac{3}{4}$ including those affected by conflict, epidemics (including HIV/AIDS) and disasters $\frac{3}{4}$ is improved while the vulnerability of the community is decreased.

Objective: The Federation facilitates the development of the national society's capacity in community based health and care programming, including HIV/AIDS and WatSan activities, by strengthening the capacity of staff and volunteers to reach the most vulnerable communities and building their capacity and awareness on disease transmission and control.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The national society's health programme has been strengthened to enable community participation in preventive health services so as to reduce their vulnerability with regard to communicable diseases, epidemics, accidents and injuries.

A health strategy for the ERCS will be prepared with support from the regional delegation's health unit of the regional delegation in Nairobi.

Expected result 2: The long-term WatSan policy and strategy of the national society has been established and endorsed and is fully implemented throughout the country.

A micro irrigation project, hand dug wells and shallow wells have been completed. The construction of water points and drilling of wells in West Harerge is nearly complete.

Expected result 3: The Ethiopian Red Cross Society's home-based care (HBC) project for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) has been expanded and gradually increased to reach at least 3,000 people annually.

- Since January 2006, the Addis branch of the ERCS has made home visits to PLWHA and conducted training for care givers
- The Tigray branch is implementing HBC programmes in partnership with associations of PLWHA.
- In Adama region, a PLWHA self-support group is running income-generation activities, including bee-keeping and carpentry.

Expected result 4: A national society HIV/AIDS workplace policy and educational programme for staff and volunteers has been implemented with 400 peer educators trained and 40% of the eligible people put on anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment by 2007.

- As part of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society's HIV/AIDS workplace educational programme for staff and volunteers, training for peer educators has begun.
- During the reporting period, the national society's Afar branch established its own HIV/AIDS fund for its staff and volunteers.

Expected result 5: Training on HIV/AIDS prevention and adolescent reproductive health has been provided to 22,000 peer educators annually.

The ERCS undertook various HIV/AIDS preventive activities through advocacy forums, community conversations involving local community leadership and elders as well as youth-based HIV/AIDS clubs.

Impact

- The Ethiopian Red Cross Society's HIV/AIDS advocacy and training officer noted that, "through its own initiative, the Afar branch has established an AIDS fund for its staff and volunteers, and encourages discussion on HIV/AIDS issues." The Afar branch is a good example of the impact of the national society's HIV/AIDS programme.

Constraints

- The delay in receiving funds has affected the implementation rate of the HIV/AIDS programme.

Disaster management

Since the launch of the ERCS drought Emergency Appeal, on 23 February 2006, the national society's disaster management resources have mainly focused on providing assistance to 63,620 beneficiaries. The national society staff and volunteers have provided emergency water trucking to the drought-affected population. In addition, long-term rehabilitation interventions, including WatSan and livelihood support projects, are planned as part of the operation.

Goal: The disaster preparedness and response capacity of Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) at headquarters and branches is strengthened and coherent responses provided to the vulnerability of communities.

Objective: The preparedness and response capacity of the national society is strengthened through Federation support.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The Ethiopian Red Cross Society's capacity to analyse risks and communities has increased improving its ability to prepare and respond more effectively to disasters.

- One national society staff trained in food security assessment was deployed to Moyale and Borena. Six others will also be deployed to conduct post-harvest crop assessments.
- The national society staff participated in disaster prevention and preparedness agency-led regional (Oromiya and Amhara regions) and national crop assessments in February, March and April as well as in a reassessment of the drought situation in the Somali region.
- An early warning systems training targeting 20 staff from 20 branches is planned for June 2006.
- A Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) training and food security proposal preparation is planned for Amhara region.

Expected result 2: The Ethiopian Red Cross Society's food security capacities and programmes at national and branch level have been strengthened.

- During the reporting period, field visits were undertaken to assess livelihood issues affecting the most vulnerable pastoralists and semi-pastoralists in Oromiya region.
- The national society staff attended food security nutrition and cash-for-work workshops in Nairobi and Geneva, in March and May respectively.
- A food security training targeting key branch staff and secretaries is planned for June 2006. Planning, monitoring and evaluation modules will be included in the training.

Expected result 3: The capacity of the national society to mitigate and respond to conflict related humanitarian issues has been improved.

No report during this period.

Expected result 4: The Ethiopian Red Cross Society has provided timely and adequate response to the needs of people affected by natural disasters.

- The main operational focus of the ERCS emergency drought operation, from 20 February to 20 March, was on water trucking to the most affected kebeles (villages) in Oromiya and Somali Moyale woredas (districts). The ERCS transported 1,115,000 litres of water to approximately 28,000 beneficiaries.
- 12 water bladders, with a total capacity of 140,000 litres, have been delivered to the target operational sites, including 10 water bladders donated by ICRC. Eight of the ICRC bladders are being utilized with a total capacity of 95,000 litres; their allocation is 60,000 litres to Oromiya and 35,000 litres capacity for Somali Moyale.
- During the month of March, 3,800 jerry cans were distributed to 3,800 affected households of Somali and Oromiya moyale areas.
- During the month of April, 560 farmers in Moyale received maize while 1,500 others received beans as well as farming tools.

Expected result 5: The Ethiopian Red Cross Society has contributed to efforts of other stakeholders towards building the disaster preparedness capacities of vulnerable communities.

No report during this period.

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Impact

- About 28,000 drought-affected beneficiaries from Oromiya and Somali Moyale woredas received 1,115,000 litres of water.
- 2,060 farmers in Moyale received maize, beans and farming implements, thus contributing towards the improvement of their households' nutritional status.

Constraints

- The national society's disaster preparedness and response strategy has not been approved by its governance, thus hindering its implementation.
- The national society's disaster preparedness and response officer was only recruited in March 2006.
- Lack of funding has affected the implementation of planned activities.

Organizational development

The national society continued with its reform programme, begun during the first half of 2005 and geared towards ensuring effective management of programmes. In this regard, the terms of reference of an ERCS/Federation and the ICRC working group to guide the national society's human resource review process are under finalization.

Goal: Implementation of the characteristics of a well-functioning national society has improved the Ethiopian Red Cross Society in the three key areas of foundation, capacity and performance.

Objective: Ethiopian Red Cross Society has strengthened its capacity at headquarters and branches to respond to humanitarian emergencies and development needs of the communities.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The national society has an adequate organizational and staffing structure which responds to programme needs, promotes effective and efficient communication and coordination within headquarters' departments as well as between headquarters and branches, and encourages proactive planning, implementation, evaluation and reporting of activities.

The terms of reference of an ERCS/Federation and the ICRC working group to guide the national society's human resource review process, as part of the reform programme begun during the first half of 2005, are under finalization.

Expected result 2: The national society's capacities in financial and narrative reporting correspond to the requirements of efficient and effective programme management.

The national society has begun to implement the common reporting format resulting from the reporting reform adopted for all projects in 2005.

Expected result 3: The strategic plan 2006-2010 gives a clear profile to the national society and is the basis for its support to the most vulnerable populations.

Following the finalization of the new ERCS 5-year strategic plan (2006-2010) in 2005, workshops are taking place in 11 regional branches to elaborate it at branch level. In particular, the Tigray and Oromiya regions undertook these workshops on their own initiative.

Expected result 4: A well coordinated CAS has ensured consistent support to national society by partners and reinforced its networking capacity.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) governing the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) has been signed by the Danish Red Cross and the Finnish Red Cross. The Federation, ICRC and the Swedish Red Cross are yet to provide their feedback.

Expected result 5: The national society's organizational development (OD) policy and strategy are in full use for all OD activities.

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Expected result 6: A strong and clearly defined relationship between governance and management has ensured efficient and effective fulfilment of the mandate of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society.

No report during this period.

Expected result 7: The involvement of volunteers in activities is based on a clearly defined policy for volunteer management, training and development.

No report during this period.

Expected result 8: A reliable and sustainable financial resource base has been established at all levels, reinforcing the funding base of the national society for core as well as programme expenses.

No report during this period.

Impact

- The observations of the branches were taken into consideration while finalizing the strategic plan in 2005, which increased the sense of ownership of the plan as demonstrated by the initiative taken by the Tigray and Omoriya branches to conduct their own workshops.

Constraints

- The human resource capacity within the organizational development programme is limited while its responsibilities are numerous.
- Lack of funding has further hindered significant progress of planned activities.
- The national society's current OD programme elements lack coherence and need to be integrated under one programme head for strengthened coordination.

Humanitarian values

During the reporting period, planned activities were severely constrained due to financial limitations. As such, the national society's focus was limited to participation in capacity building workshops.

Goal: Movement Principles and Humanitarian Values are known and respected throughout Ethiopia; discrimination against vulnerable groups is reduced.

Objective: The Information Unit of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society is an active member of the Regional Communications Forum; has developed its potential to respond to humanitarian emergencies; and increased its capacity to promote Movement Principles and Humanitarian Values in the East African region.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: The development and capacity building of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society public relations and information service to meet minimum technical, professional and human resources standards, as approved by RC-Net, has been completed.

No report during this period.

Expected result 2: The capacity of Ethiopian Red Cross Society to advocate on behalf of the vulnerable groups and operations of the national society has increased.

The national society's public relations and information service was represented at the annual information workshop held at the Federation's Secretariat in Geneva in March 2006. Preparations are underway for a taskforce meeting to be held in Mauritius in June to plan for the upcoming fifth regional communications forum scheduled for October.

Expected result 3: The dissemination capacity of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society's branches is strengthened.

Dissemination sessions on the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement were carried out by the ICRC.

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Impact

No observable impact at the time of reporting. However, it is hoped that through the programme, the Movement Principles and Humanitarian Values are known and respected throughout Ethiopia.

Constraints

- Lack of adequate human resource capacity.
- Lack of funding to implement planned activities.

Horn of Africa food security programme

A regional food security meeting was held on 19 January bringing together representatives of all the affected national societies, partner national societies (PNSs) and other partners, in an attempt to address regional food security concerns. A plan with 13 points for short and medium-term action was agreed by the meeting for immediate implementation. Further, a regional drought review committee was convened from 25 to 27 April, at the regional delegation in Nairobi, to review the regional food security action plan of 19 January meeting and subsequent drafting committee in early February. Members of the committee include the new Food Security Working Group team leader. The following were addressed: review of the humanitarian situation in 10 countries affected by the food security crisis; consideration of whether the Red Cross /Red Crescent actions taken to date were appropriate, effective and timely, capturing lessons learned, including Movement cooperation mechanisms; making recommendations for medium-term monitoring and evaluation framework and considering the way forward for long-term food security.

The Review Committee examined all the feedback from national societies as well as other available information and set up a matrix describing the situation in each country. A new 5-year regional food security programme was agreed at this meeting and will be included in the East Africa regional programmes Appeal. Therefore, the food security programme of this appeal will be closed and its activities will be continued under the new regional programme. The balance of funds will be transferred to this new programme.

Goal: To support national societies from the Horn of Africa to predict and prevent food security crises, to mitigate their impact and to respond and cope with their consequences at sub-regional, country and local levels.

Objective: To provide appropriate technical support to national societies to develop human resource capacities, policy and strategy frameworks, assessment and planning skills, food security programmes, contingency plans, a database of technical resources and partnerships with key stakeholders in the region.

Progress/Achievements

Expected result 1: A food security unit is operating effectively in the sub-region.

A regional food security advisor was recruited to support regional food security activities funded from regional drought Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) funds and later the Ethiopia drought appeal. This adviser is a very experienced national society manager from the Ethiopian Red Cross Society and the former RC-Net Food Security Working Group team leader. He is working with drought response delegates in the new regional food security unit.

Expected result 2: Improved human resource capacity for supporting national society food security activities.

The programme partly funded participants from the region (Tanzania, Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan) to attend a general food security training in Nairobi from 6 to 10 March 2006. The objective of the training was to equip the participants with general knowledge on food security, food security assessment methodologies, programming, monitoring and evaluation as well as food security in relation to HIV/AIDS among other areas.

Expected result 3: Food security policies and strategies have been developed at sub-regional and national level with clear links to HIV/AIDS.

The Uganda Red Cross Society and the Sudanese Red Crescent have requested future meetings in relation to food security strategy development. A meeting was held in Khartoum in May to assist the Sudanese Red Crescent to develop its strategy.

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Expected result 4: Improved technical support to national societies for vulnerability and capacity assessments (VCA) and development of food security programmes.

A presentation on cash-for-work experience in Ethiopia was developed for a seminar held from 18 to 19 May in Geneva. There has also been continuous communication between the regional food security unit and Geneva's disaster preparedness/response department about future food security training in South Africa.

Expected result 5: Strengthened partnerships with food security stakeholders in the region.

The food security unit participated in a meeting organized by Overseas Development Institute (ODI) regarding the drought response.

Expected result 6: Development of a database of external human resources, technical material and lessons learned in the region.

Following the above-mentioned general food security training, a database addressing new food security issues in the region has been initiated.

Expected result 7: National societies' capacities in IT/telecom and logistics for improved preparedness and response have been strengthened.

This is funded under the tsunami programme. For more information, please refer to the tsunami reports available on the Federation's website at page: <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/response/tsunamis/index.asp>.

Expected result 8: Contingency plans for food gaps, population movements, floods and epidemics have been developed.

The regional disaster management delegate participated in an inter-agency meeting concerning avian flu and made a presentation on the avian flu situation /perspectives.

Impact

The Food Security Working Group has strengthened the food security capacities of the national societies in the eastern Africa region.

Implementation and coordination

The implementation and coordination of this Appeal is governed by the Federation's Framework for Action (FFA) which will orient capacity building actions over the next five years, with the aim of building a well-functioning Federation network. The framework is a clear set of actions to reform and renew the Federation to ensure that it remains relevant and effective as an organization.

Coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships

The Horn of Africa sub-regional office, in collaboration with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, the ICRC, and the Danish, Netherlands and Spanish Red Cross societies, continued with the monthly Movement coordination meetings to discuss policy and programme issues of mutual interest. The third meeting was held on 6 June 2006.

Below is a table reflecting the activities undertaken bilaterally by Red Cross/Red Crescent partners in the Horn of Africa sub-region.

Movement Partners	Summary of activities
ICRC	Humanitarian Values/DRCS and ERCS
American Red Cross	Support to blood bank/ERCS
Belgian Red Cross	HIV/AIDS programme/ERCS
British Red Cross	HIV/AIDS, DP/ERCS; health, OD/DRCS
Danish Red Cross	HIV/AIDS programme, health, Ethio-Danish tracing/ERCS
Finnish Red Cross	Health, OD/DRCS and ERCS
German Red Cross	Health/ERCS
Spanish Red Cross	HIV/AIDS programme, WatSan/ERCS
Swedish Red Cross	WatSan, Ethio-Swedish tracing, OD/ERCS

International representation and advocacy

Contacts were established with some Djibouti-based and Ethiopia-based foreign governments and their aid agency representatives, inter-governmental organizations and multi-national agencies on what the Federation does, how it operates and how it is funded. In particular, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the European Union (EU), UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the French embassy's 'Service de Cooperation et d'Action' have shown great interest. However, to secure favourable action both the Djibouti and Ethiopian national societies need to develop the ability to better serve customers, clients and communities, with support from the regional delegation's health and care unit.

Federation governance support

The Horn of Africa sub-regional office provided support to the Ethiopian Red Cross Society in preparation for a governance meeting held in Geneva from 19 to 22 June 2006. The president, treasurer and acting Secretary General of the national society attended. Governance issues which arose during the Africa department regional meeting in Mombasa, Kenya from 29 to 31 May 2006 are being addressed with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society.

Delegation management

During the reporting period, a new head of sub-region and an organizational development delegate were deployed to the Horn of Africa sub-regional office. At the time of writing this report, the Federation Status Agreement was still with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Interim financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/7
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	2'727'902	337'889		384'849	218'182	3'668'821
B. Opening Balance	68'697	199'182		42'826	16'045	326'751
Income						
Cash contributions						
DFID Partnership	13'970	33'926		17'961		65'857
Finnish Red Cross	19'563			3'913		23'475
Swedish Red Cross	58'837			16'810	7'565	83'212
C1. Cash contributions	92'369	33'926		38'684	7'565	172'544
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Finnish Red Cross	19'488			3'898		23'385
Swedish Red Cross	59'542			17'012	7'656	84'210
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	79'030			20'910	7'656	107'595
Inkind Personnel						
Finnish Red Cross					8'500	8'500
C5. Inkind Personnel					8'500	8'500
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	171'399	33'926		59'594	23'720	288'639
D. Total Funding = B + C	240'097	233'108		102'419	39'765	615'390

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	68'697	199'182		42'826	16'045	326'751
C. Income	171'399	33'926		59'594	23'720	288'639
E. Expenditure	-9'733	-37'620		-53'706	-49'158	-150'217
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	230'364	195'488		48'713	-9'392	465'173

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Interim financial report

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Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/7
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
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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)		2'727'902	337'889		384'849	218'182	3'668'821	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	64'200							64'200
Water & Sanitation	894'000					3	3	893'997
Total Supplies	958'200					3	3	958'197
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	110'000							110'000
Computers & Telecom	66'000				2'954		2'954	63'046
Others Machinery & Equipment	44'000							44'000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	220'000				2'954		2'954	217'046
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	273'896		2'690		461	1'104	4'255	269'641
Total Transport & Storage	273'896		2'690		461	1'104	4'255	269'641
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	313'200				23'790	41'057	64'847	248'353
Delegate Benefits	236'000		9'322		16'040	7'242	32'603	203'397
Regionally Deployed Staff	100'000							100'000
National Staff	211'388		4'367		1'099	354	5'820	205'568
National Society Staff	89'468	9'890			1'950	738	12'578	76'890
Consultants	10'000							10'000
Total Personnel Expenditures	960'056	9'890	13'688		42'879	49'390	115'848	844'208
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	510'276	4'696	8'349		5'233	699	18'977	491'299
Total Workshops & Training	510'276	4'696	8'349		5'233	699	18'977	491'299
General Expenditure								
Travel	178'940	837	3'251		7'579	615	12'281	166'659
Information & Public Relation	45'900	111			423	132	666	45'234
Office Costs	54'880	157	128		1'073	534	1'892	52'988
Communications	30'000		191		1'287	2'901	4'379	25'621
Financial Charges		6'321			-253	-419	5'649	-5'649
Other General Expenses	198'200		7'532		59	-10'623	-3'031	201'231
Total General Expenditure	507'920	7'426	11'102		10'167	-6'859	21'836	486'084
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies						2'207	2'207	-2'207
Total Federation Contributions & Transfers						2'207	2'207	-2'207
Program Support								
Program Support	238'473	2'339	2'445		4'273	2'679	11'736	226'737
Total Program Support	238'473	2'339	2'445		4'273	2'679	11'736	226'737
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		-14'618	-655		-12'260	-66	-27'599	27'599
Total Operational Provisions		-14'618	-655		-12'260	-66	-27'599	27'599
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	3'668'821	9'733	37'620		53'706	49'158	150'217	3'518'605
VARIANCE (C - D)		2'718'169	300'269		331'143	169'024	3'518'605	