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HORN OF AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Appeal No. MAA64004
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The Federation's vision is to strive, through voluntary action, for a world of empowered communities, better able to address human suffering and crises with hope, respect for dignity and a concern for equity. Its mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 185 countries.

In Brief

Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: 8 June to 30 September, 2006

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

Appeal coverage: 53.7%; Outstanding needs: CHF 3,051,224 (USD 2,527,940 or EUR 1,917,803).

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

Programme Update no. 1: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA6400401.pdf>

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The programmes herein are aligned with the Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity":

- *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.*

Operational developments

The Horn of Africa sub-region's organizational development (OD) delegate completed his mission during the reporting period. Building upon the achievements made towards strengthening the Djibouti Red Crescent Society's (DRCS) governance and management structures during the last reporting period, a short term consultant was engaged by the sub-regional office to facilitate arrangements for the DRCS General Assembly, scheduled for 21 to 22 December 2006.

With the election of a new Secretary General in October 2006, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society's management is now positioned to lead the reform programme, ensuring that it 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.

Following an outbreak of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) in Oromiya region in southern Ethiopia in August 2006, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS), through its volunteers, implemented an emergency operation aimed at increasing awareness about the disease among the **18,520** affected people in Oromiya region. It also aimed at improving environmental sanitation and access to safe household water. The floods situation which followed later in August worsened the AWD situation. Subsequently, the ERCS launched [Emergency Appeal no. MDRET003](#) focusing on emergency and post-emergency interventions, livelihoods, reconstruction and rehabilitation in the affected regions of Dire Dawa, Oromiya and South Omo, targeting **25,000** beneficiaries.

Health and care

Djibouti

The Djibouti Red Crescent Society (DRCS) continued with health promotion activities targeting pregnant women, new mothers, the elderly and children aged under five, capacity building for the target communities and volunteers on Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST), peer education and HIV/AIDS prevention in Balbala. The original 22 trained volunteers continued working with the 15 women's associations. In line with the national society's objective of building its capacity in community health and care programming, 20 new volunteers have been recruited for Djibouti City. The Red Cross volunteers have undergone a general induction session, and plans are underway to take them through PHAST training. This will help to accelerate project implementation.

The Djibouti Red Crescent Society has been involved in the Ministry of Health meetings on Avian Flu. During these meetings, the national society's volunteers were praised for their community activities and encouraged to provide more information to the people in Djibouti. The Red Cross volunteers' knowledge of Avian Flu information and dissemination was strengthened through sessions facilitated by the regional disaster management department. This mission gave the International Federation and Djibouti Red Crescent Society an opportunity to analyze disaster risks in Djibouti and hold discussions with the National Technical Department in charge of disaster management.

During the reporting period, two water trucks were received from the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent to assist the DRCS to respond to the drought-related water insecurity. As the national society is not directly involved in drought programmes, discussions were held with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on deploying these trucks for the UNICEF drought programme.

Constraints

Due to operational challenges at national society level, the planned follow-up mission by the regional HIV/AIDS unit on the implementation of the HIV/AIDS component of the integrated health programme to DRCS failed to materialize. The DRCS is still interested in taking the initiative forward. In this regard, the regional HIV/AIDS programme has planned a technical support mission to the national society in early 2007.

Ethiopia

Health and care remains the ERCS' largest core service delivery and profile building programme. Health and care programmes continued to include: community-based and emergency primary health care; countrywide first aid training and services; emergency and long term water and sanitation (WatSan) in selected geographical locations; HIV/AIDS home-based care, prevention and advocacy in ERCS selected branches; and blood donor and ambulance services.

The regional health and care unit supported the ERCS in developing a health strategy during the reporting period. It has had discussions with the national society on the development of a HIV/AIDS strategy. The ERCS home-based care project for People Living with HIV (PLWHIV) was boosted with 6,000 long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs) from the World Swim for Malaria for home-based care clients in Afar, Amhara, Oromiya, Somali and Tigray. Similarly, the regional health and care unit coordinated with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) arrangements for an exchange visit by two staff from the ERCS HIV and AIDS programme. The objective of the visit was for the newly recruited home-based care officer and branch officer to familiarize themselves with key elements of the KRCS' home-based care programme.

The ERCS developed a concept paper for water and sanitation (WatSan) activities in Somali, Moyale District for funding by the Qatari Red Crescent, while the Irish Red Cross earmarked funding for WatSan activities in Ethiopia. Activities pertaining to the implementation of the drought operation are ongoing and are being followed up by the regional health and care unit.

Constraints

The ERCS has no designated permanent officer to man its health and care department. This has weakened the national society in responding to health and care issues in the most appropriate way. In recognition of this challenge, the Horn of Africa sub-regional office provided short-term technical support to the national society in the implementation of its Acute Watery Diarrhoea and floods emergency operations by deploying a health delegate to the field.

Organizational development

Djibouti

Preparations for the Djibouti Red Crescent Society's (DRCS) general assembly, planned for 21 to 22 December, were completed with the support of a working group composed of 8 members of the DRCS governance board and the Horn of Africa sub-regional office. In this regard, three major phases were planned as part of the process leading to the General Assembly. Firstly, the membership would be taken through a pre-general assembly training focusing on the key concepts relating to a general assembly, how to vote and the desirable qualities of leadership. The second phase would involve the facilitation of discussions and deliberations during the general assembly, leading to the election of new governance.

Finally, the post-general assembly phase will target the new leadership, and will include presentations on topics such as roles and responsibilities as governance, representation, resource mobilization, integration, the Code of Conduct, among other areas. These significant events mark the beginning of building effective, empowered leadership, governance and management for the Djibouti Red Crescent Society, leading towards operating as a well functioning national society and in accordance with the Framework for Action.

Ethiopia

The ERCS continued with its reform programme – with assistance from the Horn of Africa sub-region and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – involving the implementation of its organizational structure and staffing plan, which is behind schedule. In this regard, the ERCS governing board has now taken a bold stand that “it will not replace non-core programme positions whenever they become vacant” within the next five years. This stand is based on the Ethiopian Government's Labour Law that does not allow Ethiopian organizations to retrench employees in permanent employment. The regional, *woreda*, *kebele* and zonal ERCS structures continued with their Red Cross branch work.

Submissions of the Ethiopia sexual reproductive health programme concept note and an application for the Ethiopia floods emergency were made to the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO) during the reporting period with technical support from the regional grants manager.

Humanitarian Values

Djibouti

During the reporting period, the Djibouti Red Crescent Society participated at a meeting of the Regional Communications Forum held in Mauritius, in cooperation with the ICRC Nairobi and Pretoria, in late October 2006. The meeting brought together communicators from all national societies from the East Africa Region but one (Somalia). The meeting formulated a draft regional communications framework to serve as a basis for the development of national communications strategies and plans. A new taskforce was elected with members from Sudan (chair), Seychelles, Burundi and Uganda.

The DRCS benefited from communications support through the regional communications unit in the period leading to its general assembly planned for December 2006. The NS also received communications equipment as part of strengthening its information unit to meet minimum technical standards. The humanitarian values programme continues to focus on the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)-funded activities, including the dissemination of Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values as well as restoring family links.

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Constraints

Owing to funding obstacles, the International Federation lags behind in supporting the national societies in this programme, although it is part of the Strategy 2010 and the Federation of the Future. However, considerable improvements in the implementation of the ICRC-supported Humanitarian Values activities were noted. It is progressing well when compared to the same period last year.

Disaster management

Ethiopia

Disaster preparedness activities continued, including stockpiling of essential items such as water containers, tools and other non-food items for emergency rapid response. A database of commercial suppliers from whom items and services could be quickly sourced was developed.

The ERCS and the regional disaster management (DM) department continued to follow reports on the outbreak of Acute Watery Diarrhoea in Oromiya region in southern Ethiopia, leading to the national society’s emergency response funded through the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). The national society also launched an Emergency Appeal to support people affected by floods in Ethiopia. The Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT)-trained regional WatSan officer went to Ethiopia to assist the Field Assessment Coordination Team (FACT) in assessing the WatSan needs of the floods-hit areas of Ethiopia.

A pastoralists’ gathering meeting in southern Ethiopia was attended by the ERCS and Head of the Horn of Africa sub-regional office in July 2006. A draft check list for the food security database developed by the regional food security programme was shared with the national society’s focal person for comments and input. The tool will help to monitor food security situations in Ethiopia.

Constraints

The various components of the ERCS’s disaster management programme have not been fully integrated into the programmes department. It is hoped that emergency health response (currently under the health and care programme) will in future be harmonized with the other components of DM in order for the ERCS to have a clearer direction in its disaster management policy.

Implementation and coordination

Coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships

The Horn of Africa sub-regional office, in collaboration with the ERCS, the ICRC, the Danish Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross, continued to hold monthly Movement Coordination Meetings (MCM) at which common policy and programme issues were jointly discussed.

Table 1: Activities undertaken bilaterally by Movement partners in the Horn of Africa sub-region.

RC Partners	Beneficiary National Society and Summary of activities
ICRC	Humanitarian Values (Djibouti and Ethiopia)
American Red Cross	Blood Bank Programme (Ethiopia)
Belgian Red Cross	HIV/AIDS Programme (Ethiopia)
British Red Cross	HIV/AIDS, Disaster Preparedness; Health and Care, Organizational Development Programmes (Ethiopia)
Danish Red Cross	HIV/AIDS, Health and Care, Ethio-Danish Tracing Programmes (Ethiopia)
Finnish Red Cross	Integrated Health and Organizational Development Programmes (Djibouti)
German Red Cross	Health Programme (Ethiopia)
Spanish Red Cross	HIV/AIDS , Water and Sanitation and Food Security Programmes (Ethiopia)
Swedish Red Cross	Water and Sanitation, Ethio-Swedish Tracing, Organizational Development/ERCS Programmes (Ethiopia)

International representation and advocacy

Contacts established with some Djibouti-based foreign governments and their aid agencies, inter-governmental organizations and multi-national agencies in March 2006 have not born fruits because of prolonged delays to hold

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the DRCS long over due General Assembly. The holding of democratic elections of the new Governance Board is to become the springboard for the Djibouti Red Cross Society community-based and development programmes. The interest that had already been shown by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the European Union (EU), UNICEF, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the French Embassy's 'Service de Cooperation et d'Action' – in March 2006 – will be well followed after the General Assembly and the democratic elections have been completed.

The follow up to 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 continued. Good relationship has been established with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and other UN agencies.

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 units.

Federation governance support

The Horn of Africa sub-regional office is providing support to the Ethiopian Red Cross Society in preparation for a governance meeting to be held on 5 to 7 February 2007. The then acting and Secretary General of ERCS and his deputy attended leadership courses in Geneva.

Management of the delegation

The Horn of Africa sub-regional office continued to be manned with one full-time international staff. The organizational development delegate deployed to the Horn of Africa sub-regional office (but based in Djibouti) completed his mission in August 2006.

At the time of writing this report, the Federation Status Agreements in Djibouti and Ethiopia have not yet been accomplished.

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MAA64004 - HORN OF AFRICA

Interim financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/10
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAA64004
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	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						
British Red Cross	0	0		0		0
DFID Partnership	13'970	33'926		17'961		65'857
Finnish Red Cross	19'563			3'913	553	24'028
Swedish Red Cross	58'837			16'810	7'565	83'212
C1. Cash contributions	92'369	33'926		38'684	8'117	173'096
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Finnish Red Cross	19'750			3'950		23'700
Swedish Red Cross	60'490			17'283	7'777	85'550
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	80'240			21'233	7'777	109'250
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
Finnish Red Cross				16'000	-16'000	0
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)				16'000	-16'000	0
Inkind Personnel						
Finnish Red Cross					8'500	8'500
C5. Inkind Personnel					8'500	8'500
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	172'609	33'926		75'917	8'394	290'846
D. Total Funding = B + C	241'307	233'108		118'743	24'440	617'597

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	172'609	33'926		75'917	8'394	290'846
E. Expenditure	-109'548	-46'396		-75'790	-70'397	-302'131
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	131'759	186'712		42'953	-45'958	315'466

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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								
Storage						58	58	-58
Transport & Vehicle Costs	273'896	101	2'737		333	3'450	6'621	267'275
Total Transport & Storage	273'896	101	2'737		333	3'507	6'678	267'218
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	313'200				29'596	70'757	100'353	212'847
Delegate Benefits	236'000	3'716	13'007		21'402	-11'082	27'044	208'956
Regionally Deployed Staff	100'000							100'000
National Staff	211'388	383	3'713		1'069	828	5'992	205'396
National Society Staff	89'468	9'890			1'003	3'305	14'198	75'270
Consultants	10'000							10'000
Total Personnel Expenditures	960'056	13'989	16'720		53'070	63'808	147'587	812'469
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	510'276	4'766	8'594		1'510	1'881	16'750	493'526
Total Workshops & Training	510'276	4'766	8'594		1'510	1'881	16'750	493'526
General Expenditure								
Travel	178'940	1'488	4'505		9'572	1'908	17'473	161'467
Information & Public Relation	45'900	111			393	289	793	45'107
Office Costs	54'880	157	128		662	8'655	9'602	45'278
Communications	30'000		191		1'406	5'284	6'881	23'119
Financial Charges		6'321			-235	-607	5'479	-5'479
Other General Expenses	198'200	2'714	11'160		22	-18'806	-4'909	203'109
Total General Expenditure	507'920	10'792	15'985		11'821	-3'276	35'321	472'599
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies					5'221		5'221	-5'221
Total Federation Contributions & Transfers					5'221		5'221	-5'221
Program Support								
Program Support	238'473	7'121	3'016		4'926	4'540	19'603	218'871
Total Program Support	238'473	7'121	3'016		4'926	4'540	19'603	218'871
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		72'780	-655		-4'045	-66	68'014	-68'014
Total Operational Provisions		72'780	-655		-4'045	-66	68'014	-68'014
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	3'668'821	109'548	46'396		75'790	70'397	302'131	3'366'691
VARIANCE (C - D)		2'618'354	291'493		309'059	147'785	3'366'691	