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National Context

Guinea has been critically affected by instability in the region, and currently hosts some 650,000 refugees originating from Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea Bissau. The delivery of effective assistance to the refugee population is the primary humanitarian objective, in particular to vulnerable groups such as the chronically ill, the handicapped, elderly people, female heads of families, minors heads of families, pregnant or breastfeeding women, orphans and unaccompanied children. As a matter of priority, assistance efforts concentrate on improving access to drinking water, health infrastructures, and hygiene and sanitation.

Country Assistance Strategy

The Federation's immediate strategy is to strengthen the structural, organisational and operational capacities of the National Society, and to improve its financial autonomy so as to enable it to carry out relevant programmes in favour of refugees and vulnerable persons and to intervene efficiently when disasters occur.

Programme Objectives

Disaster Response

The Federation will assist the GRCS to contribute to reducing the vulnerability of refugees by covering their needs in food and nonfood items, providing social assistance to the most needy, and participating in the UNHCR organised repatriation of refugees (registration, distribution of food and nonfood items, convoy and management of transit camps).

Disaster Preparedness

The Federation will assist the GRCS to improve the capacities of the vulnerable to care for themselves, provide social services for the least favoured groups, position stocks and equipment for emergency relief interventions, arrange village granaries in order to cope with the food needs of the most impoverished groups in sub-Saharan zones during periods of food scarcity.

Health

The Federation will assist the GRCS to carry out a sensitization campaign on reproductive health, promote volunteer blood donation, implement development programmes in public health (focusing on assistance for vulnerable communities, prevention of epidemics, and campaigns for the struggle against STD/AIDS).

Humanitarian Values

The GRCS, with support from the Federation, will provide information on relevant Red Cross fields of intervention (specifically, transport, health, social welfare, youth education, information, postal and telecommunications services and disaster preparedness) to the public and to authorities, as well as increasing awareness of the ideals of the Movement.

Capacity Building

The Federation will support and assist the GRCS to develop competencies and increase operational capacities at headquarters and committees in order to improve their functioning, image and management of the resources and programmes. Partnerships with sister National Societies, international institutions and local NGOs will be established. Training workshops and/or seminars for permanent executives at headquarters will be organised, as well as for board members, regional coordinators and volunteers in the local committees.