

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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ZAMBIA

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.24/2001

Appeal Target: CHF 2,808,400

Programme Update No. 2; Period covered: 15 February - 31 December, 2001; last Programme Update (Situation report no. 1) issued 6 March, 2001

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 54.9%

Related Appeals: N/A

Outstanding needs: While this appeal was under funded throughout 2001, donors are encouraged to provide adequate and timely support to the Federations southern Africa regional appeal (no. 0116/2002) which incorporates the Zambia refugee operation.

Summary/Update: The situation in the DRC indicates that the need for protection and relief assistance for refugees in Mwange Camp will continue, hence a need for continued donor support.

Operational Developments:

The situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) remains unpredictable. Since President Joseph Kabila came to power in January 2001 there have been significant efforts towards peace initiatives. The partial withdrawal of Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi forces, the deployment of the UN peace keepers, and diplomatic initiatives, and ceasefire agreements are considered constructive efforts towards promoting peace. Despite these initiatives, the refugee reception transit centres continued to receive new arrivals with minimum voluntary repatriation. The majority of the new arrivals are those who had spontaneously settled in and around the border villages during the influx, while the rest are fleeing insecurity.

The situation in the DRC indicates that the need for protection and relief assistance for refugees in Mwange Camp will continue, hence a need for continued donor support. From January to June 2001, a total number of 2,349 refugees arrived through Kaputa, 3,392 through Chienge, and were transferred to Kala Camp. A total of 560 beneficiaries arrived through Mpulungu and were transferred to Mwange.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Zambia Red Cross and the Federation area of responsibility includes general management at the Kaputa, Mpulungu, Nsumbu and Chienge Transit centres in the Northern and Luapula Provinces, while at Mwange Camp the ZRCS and the Federation are involved in reception, distribution, warehousing, water & sanitation as well as health activities.

Health w

The health services were carried out smoothly. Malaria remains the major cause of morbidity and mortality followed by respiratory tract infection. No outbreaks of potentially epidemic diseases were reported during the period.

General Objective

To improve the health status of the beneficiaries in Mwange Camp and assist the local community in the refugee affected areas by strengthening primary health care, reproductive health services and provision of community based first aid.

Objective 1

Case management based on WHO/UNHCR standards.

Activities

- OPD/IPD consultations conducted by qualified medical personnel.
- Correct prescription and standard nursing care provided by professional nursing staff.
- Referral cases referred to Mporokoso Hospital based on the existing policy.
- Ambulances services provided throughout the period.

Specific Achievements

Curative Services:

- The average crude mortality rate was 0.13/10000, and U5MR of 0.07/10000.
- Total OPD attendance: 29,748.
- Total admissions in the clinic: 1,364.
- 7,098 lab investigations were carried out during the period.
- 167 eye patients attended by eye specialist from the Kasama Provincial Hospital.

Referrals:

After opening the IPD in July last year, only very serious cases were referred to the District Hospital. Most cases are attended at the camp clinic. A number of eye patients cases had to be referred to Kasama Provincial Hospital for lack of ophthalmologist at Mporokoso District Hospital.

- 719 total referrals to Mporokoso District Hospital.
- 241 admitted to Mporokoso District Hospital.
- 6 referred to specialist treatment Lusaka.
- 13 eye patients referred to District Hospital, and 6 referred to specialist treatment Lusaka

Objective 2 Early detection of cases, epidemics and communicable diseases for timely intervention.

Activities

- Health education provided to the community by home visitors on daily a basis with a special emphasis on community participation.
- On the job training in health care was provided to the home visitors.
- Illustrative health messages on specific disease control prepared and communicated to the community.
- Home visitors collect information on a daily basis for analysis followed by appropriate intervention measures.
- Laboratory tests undertaken as and when required.
- Nutritional surveys, W/H screening undertaken.
- Health education on malaria control ongoing.

Objective 3 Ensure a special emphasis is placed on reproductive health: maternity, ante natal and post natal care, special care for underfives, growth monitoring, family planning and nutrition.

Activities

Activities carried out included the provision of ante natal care at clinics, screening of risk factors, RPR screening, TT immunization training and supporting TBAs.

Under five growth monitoring done at clinics, provision of immunization according to EPI and screening for diseases and risk factors.

In order to maintain and improve the nutritional status of the beneficiaries, supplementary food was supplied to the malnourished throughout the reporting period. Follow-up treatment of malnutrition cases was done and continuous advice to the community on improvement of their nutritional status was conducted by home visitors. Nutritional surveys carried out periodically with the assistance of the nutritionist from the provincial headquarters.

To reduce STD/HIV incidences, syndromic approach STD treatment was done, contact tracing treatment, provision of condoms, and the introduction of peer educators.

To ensure an increase in family planning acceptors counseling and contraceptives were provided to all clients and health education was given.

A nutritional survey was successfully conducted from 7-11th May, 2001.

Specific achievements

- Total ante natal attendance: 3,311.
- New attendance: 665 (representing 53% of total expected pregnancies).
- Post natal attendance: 465 (38.8 % of total deliveries)
- Total deliveries: 377
- Vaccination coverage-BCG 550 beneficiaries representing 59.7%.
- DPT:793 (representing 86.1%)
- OPV: 672 (which is 73%).
- TT to pregnant mothers: 341 (or 27.4 coverage).
- Total family planning acceptors: 1,521 (representing 3.0% of the reproductive group).
- New family planning acceptors: 360.
- Male condoms distributed: 596 (11,620 pcs) - acceptance rate 14.6%).
- Growth monitoring conducted to 17,405 children (representing 18.4%).

Objective 4 Effective and efficient management of health programme.

Activities

The following sectoral coordination and information sharing, monitoring and evaluation, reporting and data collection and analysis services were carried out:

- Daily consultations.
- Weekly management meetings.
- Weekly refugee leaders meeting.
- Monthly interagency meetings.
- Support visits by the regional health coordinaton.
- Meetings with the Mporokoso District Hospital Administration.
- Monthly reports on Federation and UNHCR reporting format prepared and submitted.

Objective 5 Improvement of health facilities.

Activities

Construction of a male ward in Mwange Camp is in progress and will be followed by a renovation of the MCH while construction of a new incinerator has been completed.

Constraints

The erratic supply of vaccine's, replacement RPR test kits, vitamin A, and condoms.

Water-sanitation w

General Objective

To ensure that sufficient and safe portable water supplies are available to all refugees in Mwangwe camp for drinking, cooking and personal and domestic hygiene according to Sphere minimum standards.

Objective 1 Supply of safe water at not less than 15lts/p/p/d according to Sphere standards.

Activities

- The activities conducted included water treatment, testing, distribution care and maintenance of water systems, servicing of hand pumps and improvement of drainage system in the camp.
- To work closely with the water committees and advising and supervising the management of the facilities and to encourage responsibility and ownership of the interventions.

Specific Achievements

Water produced through the reticulated system as well as through 8 hand pumps. Additional 15 bore holes were sunk, 9 in the camp, one in Mpulungu and 6 in the community. The beneficiaries received good quality and an adequate quantity (above sphere standard 15 litres/p/p/d) of water throughout the period. No water borne diseases were reported. In addition, the following were carried out:

- distribution of network tap stands improved and is now within walking distance 250-300 metres.
- drainage system is improved at each point.
- 26 water committees formed for each section, a deliberate effort to empower the beneficiaries on the management of their affairs.

Objective 2 To provide and promote adequate use of sanitary facilities, promote hygiene among the beneficiaries and encourage community participation.

Activities

Activities carried out during the month included the construction of slabs for family and communal latrines, supervising the digging of refuse pits and advocating the proper use of latrines to promote general hygiene in the camps. Spraying mosquitos, flies, and other harmful insects, rodent cropping and promotion of community participation also took place.

Specific Achievements

Hygiene promoters carried out education campaigns throughout the period, and ensured acceptable refuse disposal. Latrines and refuse pits have been dug in all the households in the camp.

In addition, the following activities were carried out:

- 1,062 family latrines constructed during the period constituting 82% coverage.
- 115,317 rodents cropped.
- 4 sections sprayed against blow flies and mosquitos.
- Spraying done in almost all strategic points.
- 1,079 refuse pits dug (a more than 100% coverage as some household opted to dig pits of their own rather than share one for two households).

Constraints

- The bore holes drilled three months ago can still not be used as the hand pumps supplied from Harare have no cylinders.
- Spare parts for India Mark II ordered last year from Harare have not yet been received.
- Requisition for exercise books ordered to be used as incentive for rodent cropping is still pending in Lusaka from the beginning of the year.

Distribution

Objective 1 To conduct effective food and non-food distributions, to store excess stocks as needed and to provide reports on the distribution of and storage of items.

Specific Achievements

Food Distribution

- 12 distributions conducted.
- Approximate 22,000 people were fed a monthly ration consisting of maize grain (1,387,683.15 kgs), maize meal (7,431.95 kg), beans (364,027.77 kgs), cooking oil (32,258.98 liters), and salt (17,432.74 kilograms).

The distribution non-food items included:

- 484 blankets for 484 beneficiaries.
- 172 kitchen sets to 86 families.
- 151 jerrycans for 86 families.
- 172 plastic mats for 86 families.
- 190 plastic sheets distributed to 86 families.
- 114,155 tablets of soap distributed to 86 families.
- 11,612 refugees received second hand clothes.
- 349 bales of second hand clothes distributed to 9,743 refugees.
- Maintenance and repair of the distributions centre done in Mwange.
- Two shelters constructed in Mpulungu.

Logistics w

Objective 1 To provide transport for staff and transport for general food distribution and other materials for the operation.

Activities

Transport was made available for health, distribution and other staff while conducting their daily activities. One truck was made available to transport volunteers and the food for general distribution and construction activities.

Objective 2 To procure material and services for the operation.

Activities

Requisitions were raised for procurement of supplementary drugs, watsan stores, construction materials for Male ward in Mwange Camp, provision of burglar bars on the office building, fencing delegates house, as well as printer and spares. Construction materials are expected to arrive any time, while the rest is still pending in Lusaka.

Shelter w

Objective 1 To provide safe and appropriate shelter for new arrivals while waiting to be transferred to the designated camps.

Activities

To construct two shelters constructed in Mpulungu Transit Centre.

Specific Achievements

The two shelters planned are constructed in Mpulungu and are now in use. Rehabilitation of the distribution shelters in Mwange Camp is on going.

Constraints

The construction of two additional shelters in Chienge transit shelters still outstanding as Chienge and Mpulungu Transit Centre has no budget. A budget was prepared to be submitted in the next UNHCR budget review.

Federation Delegation w

The Federation is represented by one programme coordinator whose main role is to advise, support and control funding. The programme is managed by the ZRCS at all levels. The main challenges are budget constraints, the security situation, the lack communication methods available when telephones are down, and finally the erratic electricity supply.

Coordination

There is an excellent working relationship among the staff, UNHCR, WFP, other agencies, and the government.

Outstanding needs

- There is an urgent need to replace two ambulances. One for Kaputa and one for Mwange. Both have exceeded the running kms of 150,000 and are regularly out of commission.
- Spares for India Mark II hand pumps ordered from Harare have not been received. Spraying against adult mosquitos has stopped for lack of K-othrine, at a time when malaria is still a major cause of mortality and morbidity.
- The programme is in dire need of office equipment.

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Zambia						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.24/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED			22.01.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2'808'400		TOTAL COVERAGE 54.9%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		350'000	USD	569'800	08.03.01	RD CONGO REFUGEES
BRITISH - RC		1'862	GBP	4'469	30.11.2001	DRC REFUGEES
JAPANESE - RC		3'200'000	JPY	41'062	18.12.2001	
NETHERLANDS - RC		53'973	EUR	79'599	14.11.2001	ASSISTANCE MWANGE REFUGEES CAMP
SWEDISH - RC		43'750	SEK	7'599	07.02.01	DISASTER RESPONSE
SWEDISH - GOVT		531'250	SEK	89'516	18.05.2001	DISASTER RESPONSE
UNHCR (01/AB/ZAM/LS/402(a))		1'601'679'068	ZMK	688'722	02.03.01	RD CONGO REFUGEES
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'480'767	CHF	52.7%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Sweden	Delegate(s)			59'959		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				59'959	CHF	2.1%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	