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Appeal Target: CHF 7,342,916; budget revised to CHF 3,354,107

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“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 73.1%

Related Appeals: N/A

Outstanding needs: CHF 903,013

Summary/Update: The coverage of the 2002-2003 Appeal remains unacceptably low, necessitating a budget revision. As a result several programmes have been closed or put on hold pending future support. It is probable that other programmes will have to be closed before the end of the year due to the lack of funding .

Operational Developments

Sierra Leone ended its ten-year war with peaceful elections in May, 2002, marking the end of a tumultuous period of human rights abuses and humanitarian plight. With over 46,182 fighters (including more than 4,600 child combatants) now disarmed, Sierra Leone is facing a major task of not only reintegrating the former soldiers, but also the numerous child workers, arm carriers, messengers, and girlfriends of former soldiers.

The Nigeria Red Cross helped in resettling more than 85,000 IDPs in their homes in Nigeria's central region in the past two months. The IDPs fled ethnic clashes between Nasarawa, Plateau, Taraba and Benue states between June and November 2001. Most have begun farming with the onset of the rainy season. However, about 5,000 are still staying in one of the camps.

The Federation provided technical and financial support to the Burkina Faso Red Cross in its national campaign against meningitis epidemic, which began in the country in January 2001. The epidemic was reported in 53 districts with some 12,784 people affected leading to 1,447 deaths. Between May 13-18, figures showed the epidemic to be receding with 191 new cases reported resulting in 26 deaths. Cases in other countries have been reported although no epidemic has been declared apart from Burkina Faso.

COUNTRIES AFFECTED	NUMBER INFECTED	NUMBER OF DEATHS
Niger	3,518	308
Cote d'Ivoire	244	43
Mali	382	33
Gambia	50	3

The emergence of the non native meningococcal W 135 strain in Burkina Faso will have major implications for public health in West Africa as previous vaccination efforts focused exclusively on the A and C variants of the disease.

In Guinea Conakry, the Federation is helping the Guinea Red Cross Society (GRCS) to raise USD 1.9 million for its various projects which include coordinating disaster response activities for refugees and displaced persons, training and micro-credit projects. In addition to vaccinating refugees and vulnerable Guineans, the national society also fights female genital mutilation in the country. The GRCS is organizing sensitization meetings with the practitioners with a view to stopping the age-long practice.

Fighting between Liberian government forces and armed opponents moved closer to Monrovia in early May. The total number of IDPs in Liberia was estimated to be at least 40,000 with over 18,000 of them in Sinje camps I and II, Northwest of the Liberian capital. According to a UNHCR report, these camps were attacked and looted in the last week of June and an estimated 4000 refugees have fled to Sierra Leone. Shortly after being settled in Zimmi, the 1,200 refugees began hearing gun fires on the Liberian side of the border causing panic among them.

In Côte d'Ivoire, the government and UNHCR conducted a census of Liberian and Sierra Leonean refugees who fled recent fighting in Liberia. This came as a result of thousands of refugees arriving from war-torn Liberia. Since the beginning of the year, armed hostilities have displaced over 52,000 Liberians into neighboring countries (15,000 to Guinea, 24,000 to Sierra Leone and 13,000 to Côte d'Ivoire).

Disaster Preparedness and Response

Objective 1: Support West African National Societies of one sub region to improve their disaster management capacities so that they may then train the other National Societies of the Region.

The February 2002 workshop report has been finalised and sent to the West Africa Partnership in both English and French. It has also been posted on the Federation DP site known as *quick place*. A document titled "a well prepared community" has been posted on the same website. This document explains how to concretise activities within communities with the aim of motivating proactive participation in community disaster preparedness activities.

Ghana and Niger national societies were chosen to fill out a questionnaire to be used in preparing "a well-prepared national society" document which will be used in the self-assessment of national societies. Furthermore, the Senegalese Red Cross was chosen to attend an international conference on climatic changes organised by the Dutch Red Cross on 26-29 June because of their experiences during the recent floods and cold snap it experienced early this year. The aim is to give the SRC the opportunity to present their experiences with participants. A consultant from Dutch Red Cross was made available to the Senegalese national society in preparation for the presentation it will give at the conference.

Disaster management initiation workshops for first aiders have started in the regional committees of some national societies. The themes discussed led to a regional meeting in February.

A budget revision for Disaster management was done in collaboration with Conakry DP delegate. The budget now includes some food security activities which would be part of the sub-project "Community Based Disaster Preparedness".

Objective 2: Support West African Societies of one sub-region expand food security activities so that they may then train the other National Societies of the Region.

With some technical support from regional DP, Dakar sub-regional office supports the Senegalese Red Cross in designing projects to be submitted to Kuwait Red Cross. Following the revision of the regional budget, the food security activity will now fall under Disaster management.

Objective 3: Give sufficient organisational reform to the LNRCs, support to continue their engagement in small-scale food security projects enabling branch development.

The technical advisor of the LNRCS asked the DPP to participate in a joint training on response teams which is planned for the coming trimester.

Objective 4: *To support National Societies to complete and/or initiate Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment activities' in order to enable them to define programmes aimed at meeting identified needs of the vulnerable.*

This project also went through a budget revision. The Guinea Conakry national society has yet to approve their VCA. With the help of a Federation consultant, Liberia Red Cross organised a meeting for all the leaders in view of preparing their national VCA. With the arrival of an OD delegate in Sierra Leone, the SLRCS has begun discussions on the possibility of doing their VCA soon. Both the SLRCS and the LNRCS would benefit from technical support from the Gambian Red Cross and the Regional delegation. An LNRCS coordinator will be participating in a VCA training workshop in Italy from 6-10 July, 2002.

Objective 5: *Support development of Regional Response Teams (RRTs) to be able to intervene when a West African National Society capacity is exceeded on the basis of an agreed Terms of Reference.*

The final version of TOR has been further developed and will be sent to all national societies for comments. Furthermore, a series of slides have been completed with the aim of presenting the project to the national societies in the region and to interested partners.

Objective 6: *Create a West Africa Disaster Management Information System (WADMIS) - a regional disaster database accessible through a West Africa Federation website.*

This project has not yet started due to a lack of funding.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The regional delegation supported the preparation of a specific contingency plan for the arrival of Liberia refugees in Côte d'Ivoire. The project will now concentrate on community health activities among refugees now under the regional health department. In collaboration with ICRC, DPP gave technical support to the Guinea Red Cross and to Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross to put in place a contingency plans for the coming elections. The Guinea Red Cross Society benefited from financial support from the Federation.

Health and Care

Primary Health Care

Objective 1: *Support West African National Societies of one sub-region to improve their ARCHI 2010 capacities by developing, strengthening and improving volunteer networks, community capacity and preparedness, so that they may then train the other national societies of the region.*

ARCHI 2010 Activity - Swiss funds Togo

With technical support from the regional delegation and financial support from the Swiss government, the Togolese Red Cross organized a planning and information meeting with both regional and district health officers, local branch representatives and coaches. Information was shared in relation to volunteer mobilization for vaccination, sanitation, the fight against diarrheal diseases, malaria, as well as community surveillance of sicknesses under epidemiological surveillance.

Among the major activities done this quarter were dissemination, sensitization and training in the communities. The training of intermediate coaches on planning, follow up/monitoring and reporting of activities were successful. Dissemination sessions were done in the 35 communities included in the project to support the activities of First Aiders and community Health officers and AIDS Peer Educators. These sessions enabled the communities to be sensitized on family and community health, environmental sanitation, and the fight against sicknesses that could become epidemic. They were also sensitized in June on the origin of the movement, the fundamental principles of the Red Cross, the emblem, the role of the Red Cross volunteers in the community

and activities of the Togolese Red Cross. A total of about 4,250 persons were sensitized on the mandate of the Red Cross in the community.

Furthermore, Togolese Red Cross organized training for 10 community health officers in Taligbo district and those around Lake district. A four-day training was organized for 120 volunteers from Lome and Golfe Districts on disease control and on ARCHI concept. Volunteers received 500 new aprons with the aim of increasing the visibility of the Red Cross.

Didactic materials for community health officers have been updated and already being used by the health officers. An agreement between the TRC and Population Service International to supply Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) and impregnated mosquito nets at affordable prices. Volunteers did the rehabilitation of wells and latrines in Ayagba, Kodjo-Aza and Tsafe-Hohoe between 8-14 April 2002. The Red Cross Watsan Coordinator visited three localities to enhance community participation. Five district coaches from the maritime region received motor cycles to be used in volunteer mobilization and training in community health.



Volunteer on a sensitization round

With financial and technical support from the Federation, ARCHI initiative facilitated a total integration of the Red Cross into the public health system leading to the effectiveness of National programmes such as the Fight against Tuberculosis. The Federation has so far transferred approximately CHF 150,000 for the initiative.

Meningitis

Meningitis epidemic in Burkina Faso affected 8,414 people with more than 1,448 deaths in 43 districts, 21 of which reached the epidemic threshold. The Federation assisted Burkina Faso Red Cross in raising 103,000 CHF targeting approximately two million people. In 14 of the most affected districts, 1000 volunteers were involved in social mobilization and community surveillance for early detection and treatment.

With help from the Federation, the BFRCS supported the Ministry of health in the fight against meningitis by providing it with 5,000 vials of chloramphenicol. Five tents and 30 beds were donated to Pissy hospital to shelter patients. One hundred and twelve megaphone batteries were provided to volunteers to facilitate the sensitization campaign. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, volunteers received a one-day refresher course on new prevention methods against meningitis. Volunteers distributed 1500 leaflets in vernacular (Moré, Foulfoude and Dioula) containing information on W 135 cerebrospinal meningitis and the symptoms of meningitis. Furthermore, they equally assisted the local authorities in community surveillance to identify meningitis cases for early treatment. More than 468 patients were accompanied to hospitals for treatment by volunteers and 178 of them were confirmed to be infected by the W135 strain.

Volunteers visited village heads and informed them of the sensitization activities of the Red Cross and its support activities to the government in the fight against Meningitis. With Federation support, a refurbished 4x4 vehicle was made available to the Burkina Faso Red Cross to assist them in the activities. The Red Cross is well integrated in the coordination team with other partners such as WHO, UNICEF, MSF and others

Regional ARCHI

With technical support from the Delegation, the Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross designed two projects aimed at assisting Liberian refugees and at restructuring the national society. These two projects are yet to receive funding and activities will take place immediately.

Measles

The measles coordinator worked with Ghana, Benin, Guinea Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegalese Red Cross to follow up preparations for measles vaccination campaign. National Societies have to prepare a plan of action to be submitted to the Inter Agency Committee Coordination of EPI in order to receive funding from measles fund through the Ministry of Health. In Senegal, the Coordinator was able to link the Senegalese Red Cross

with partners such as WHO and Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH). WHO agreed in principle to fund the activities of the national society. In Guinea, the national society was linked with BASICS for Integrated Management of Child Illnesses (IMCI) in communities.

Polio

With technical and financial support (CHF 49,395) from the Federation, Niger had its National Immunization Days (NIDs) from 19-24 May and from 23-26 June, 2002. Red Cross volunteers did a three-day social mobilization. After the door to door vaccination, Niger Red Cross trained some volunteers as vaccinators who later participated in the vaccination of the population around Niamey and Madaoua for five days.

Objective 2 : *Enable, encourage and support national societies in the region to target vulnerable communities and provide them with the means of improving their health and life through the establishment of new or improved water and sanitation activities.*

There was no activity due to a lack of funds.

Objective 3 : *Promote regional standards in training and best practices for First Aid. This will be aligned with the Global First Aid.*

The regional delegation received the draft First Aid manual of the Niger Red Cross and the manual is being revised. Comments will be sent back to the national society for finalisation. The national society is seeking CHF 8,400 to have it published.

HIV/AIDS

Objective 1: *Improve knowledge and understanding of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease infection and prevention while promoting responsible sexual behaviour.*

The regional delegation supported the Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross in its official launch of the 8 May campaign as well as in an HIV/AIDS anti-stigma radio campaign in collaboration with UNAIDS, as well as with Lumiere Action and AMEPOUH associations of persons living with HIV/AIDS. This production is now available on CD-ROM.

Objective 2: *Increase safe blood transfusion and strengthen blood donation services by increasing the number of non-remunerated blood donors and the quantity of safe blood.*

This objective was not a priority this quarter.



NID in Niger

Objective 3: *To increase care and support for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and their families.*

The delegation has intensified its efforts in the region in combating HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination through radio education and sensitization campaign in collaboration with PLWHA associations. The delegation is encouraging all national societies to equally emphasize HIV/AIDS anti-stigma activities.

Objective 4: *Strengthen the capacity of the Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies in implementing their HIV/AIDS country plans through targeted support.*

HIV/AIDS Country Plans

The Benin and Togo Red Cross have now received their final funds transfer and are finalizing their project activities this quarter. Both the Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross have also received their second funds transfer for the continuation of their activities. Below is a summary of the activities conducted by the national societies as of end of June:

Benin: Volunteers carried out information dissemination to local authorities/committees; review of educational material; purchase of equipment and supplies, selection of peer educators; official launch of project; and recruitment of personnel. Training of peer educator animators and peer educators is completed. A full report is yet to be received.

Côte d'Ivoire: One hundred trainers were trained in the national society. Volunteers did needs assessments and information sensitization sessions to local authorities in addition to production of educational materials and purchase of equipment and supplies. Knowledge, attitudes and practice baseline survey was conducted and 2000 people were reached in this survey. About 200 peer educators were trained.

Ghana: The volunteers trained peer educators, purchased a vehicle, equipment, supplies, and produced educational and promotional materials

Togo: Training of trainers on HIV/AIDS and training of religious leaders on care and support for persons living with HIV/AIDS was done. Training of peer educators continued during the quarter.

The regional HIV/AIDS coordinator visited Burkina Faso and Gambia Red Cross to review their HIV/AIDS country plans. The coordinator met with the respective national societies as well as with partners such as UN agencies, bi-laterals, NGOs and the government and the outcomes are trained counselors for the care and support of persons living with AIDS as well as sensitization of the public against stigmatization and discrimination of persons living with AIDS for Burkina Faso. Gambia has also beefed up their care and support of persons living with AIDS, Blood donor recruitment and HIV/AIDS sensitization among the youth.

The Burkina Faso Red Cross has the capacity and good will to engage in HIV/AIDS activities but it urgently needs funds to do so. Nevertheless, it needs to strengthen partnerships at the local level with UNICEF and bi-laterals such as Danish, Belgian, Spanish and Italian Red Cross.

The Gambia

The Gambia Red Cross (GRC) has a strong volunteer base and strong relationship with the government as demonstrated in its involvement in the World Bank funded HIV/AIDS Rapid Response project (HARP) and the National Blood Bank, where the volunteers do most of the blood donor recruitment. However, the GRC needs to seize the opportunities for Partnership with the Medical Research Council (MRC), UNICEF, Spanish and Icelandic Red Cross.

UNAIDS meeting on community networks

The UNAIDS meeting on strengthening community networks was held in Abidjan from 3-5 April 2002 and was attended by participants from youth and women's groups, NGOs including associations of PLWHA and development partners. The regional delegation was represented by the health department while the Red Cross/Crescent AIDS network for youth in West Africa (RANY-WA) was represented by Togolese Red Cross and the Ghana Red Cross.

The regional health team met with UNAIDS inter-country team for West and Central Africa for the purpose of developing collaborative work agreement between the two parties. It was agreed that a detailed common plan of action will be developed between the two focal points in the respective parties. The main areas of collaboration are: HIV/AIDS in the workplace policy, strengthening the capacity of countries and national societies in the region to access the global fund on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. The document will be finalized by mid-June.

Regional HIV/AIDS coordinator was a resource person during an HIV/AIDS evaluation mission to Togo from 18-24 May. Other members of the team included an external consultant, the SG of Swaziland Red Cross and the HIV/AIDS Coordinator of the Togolese Red Cross as a peer representative external to the review. Togo is one of the four first phase countries in Africa where this exercise will be conducted. The others are Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Uganda. Final report is yet to be compiled.

Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values

Objective 1: *Encourage national societies to improve knowledge about legal instruments and the international framework, to promote the development of a legal base in their countries and to clarify their role within the system of assistance.*

Objective 2: *Support national societies in having well-trained staff that is aware of problems and issues arising from migration and population movement, able to start concrete activities on behalf of the most vulnerable, familiar with methods for trainer training, and able to consider conflict negotiation and peace building between the different populations.*

Objective 3: *Support national societies in working together to avoid parallel structures in other programmes for the same target groups and with similar objectives, such as disaster response and preparedness, and health and organizational development programmes.*

Objective 4: *Support national societies' self-reliance in population movement issues and well-assessed programmes, such as emergencies and long-term programmes, by the use of regional networking within the Movement and with outside partners.*

This programme was closed in June due to a lack of funding.

Organizational Development

Objective 1: *Provide technical assistance to national societies in (self) assessment, planning, implementation, communication and knowledge sharing, and evaluation and reassessment.*

Côte d'Ivoire

The Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross Self Evaluation has been completed, and the analysis is being finalized. The Federation continues to work with the CIRC on long term CAS/VCA planning, in addition to looking for ways to assist in the short term with ongoing funding problems.

After a visit by a Finnish Red Cross representative to investigate West African National Societies for possible a project with EC funding - Cote D'Ivoire was selected. The final outcome of the application process should be announced in September.

Ghana

A first draft of the Ghana Red Cross CAS framework has been produced. The Ghana CAS technical team is meeting every two months, and good progress is being made.

The regional OD and health delegates are looking into ways to collaborate on Volunteer Management during the ongoing measles campaign - lack of resources are, however, a limiting factor.

Guinea Bissau

The Swedish Red Cross gave their permission to use remaining development funds to work on the production of CAS and finalizing the SRC project. Efforts to collaborate with the Spanish Red Cross delegate based in Guinea Bissau were not fruitful due to the delegates end of mission.

Sierra Leone

An OD delegate arrived in Sierra Leone for a one-year contract. During his briefing at the Regional Headquarters he was introduced to the CAS process and its significance. Production of the CAS will be one of the principal OD focuses during the upcoming year for Sierra Leone.

Self Evaluations: Self evaluations and their subsequent analysis are due to be completed by June 30 for 5 countries in West Africa: Senegal, Niger, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire, and Liberia.

Partnership in Profile Updates: Profiles updates for the next publication of "Profiles in Partnership" has been successfully completed for all 16 West African countries.

Capacity Building Fund: Three applications to the Capacity Building Fund were submitted from the West Africa region: 1) Regional Cooperation; 2) Mali Capacity Building; 3) Côte D'Ivoire Capacity Building. Mali and Côte d'Ivoire Capacity Building were not selected at prescreening. Unfortunately none of these applications were successful. The CI proposal has been resubmitted to Spanish Red Cross, and French Red Cross.

Organizational Development Forum: The Regional OD Delegate attended a week-long OD forum in Geneva where among other topics, the OD Framework was discussed. Participants unanimously agreed on a grassroots model focusing on "deriving objectives from community needs assessment", and on OD interventions in the branches based on supporting the Characteristics of a Well Functioning National Society required to meet the objectives.

Objective 2: *Support national societies in establishing efficient financial management systems and resource development.*

The Finance and Resource Development (FRD) delegate visited Gambia Red Cross, Senegalese Red Cross, Cape Verde Red Cross and the Mauritanian Red Crescent with the objectives of revising accounting procedures and controls. Finance management and resource development staff in all countries had their skills analysis and weakness in activities or fundraising plans evaluated.

The initiative of establishing a financial profile in each national society has reached an advanced stage and when completed, will lead to an initial synthesis of management systems and fundraising policies in the sub-region. Ideas were exchanged on improving and developing appropriate accounting systems and practices that will form the basis for future memorandum of cooperation if the national society adopt the recommendations.

Objective 3: *Provide technical support to national societies to enhance communications and information sharing in coordination with ICRC.*

Regional Information made a presentation during the DPP seminar in Abidjan during which participants learned the importance of their role as key information providers during disasters and their responsibility to feed this information to the RD. They were encouraged to collaborate closely with the info officer. In collaboration with Delegation reporting, the information department prepared four information bulletins for the munitions depot explosions in Nigeria, the floods in Mauritania and Senegal, and a meningitis epidemic in Burkina Faso.

The regional information delegate wrote three articles (with one co-authored with the NRCS Information Officer) on the relief efforts of the Nigerian Red Cross in relation to armory explosions and ethnic clashes in Lagos as well as a press release on Nestlé's funding for HIV/AIDS programme. Two of these articles on the Nigerian disaster were also published for the Federation News. An article was also written on the new national society president and his heroism during ethnic fighting in Lagos. A press release on the appeal for victims of Lagos explosion was posted on the Federation website and also sent to the local, regional and international press. Radio interviews were given to Radio France Internationale and the Christian Broadcasting Network

The information officers of Mali, Benin, Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso provided information for three articles on measles which are posted on the Federation and Amcorss web sites. Regional Information encouraged the Sierra Leone Red Cross Information officer to write an article on a watsan project in line with World Water Day. An article on an elderly volunteer was co-authored with the information officer from Ghana, another one on the Peer Educators project initiated by the Population Movement department and the Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross were written. Furthermore, regional information prepared an article on the Kano plane crash and a press release in collaboration with NRCS which was sent to local and international news correspondents. BBC and RFI Radio picked up on the press release. It also co-authored an article with the Benin Red Cross, an article was submitted on Princess Astrid's visit to Benin who opened a Red Cross center for homeless children. All the articles were posted on the Federation website. A short piece was also published in Federation News.

With the participation of the national society Press Officer, the Annual General Meeting of Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross was covered, its past president was interviewed and an article was written highlighting her forty years of service in the Red Cross Movement.

A set of Seven Fundamental Principles posters commissioned by the RD with funding from the Secretariat were printed and sent to the Red Cross museum in Italy to be put on display.

Field trips and two concerts were also organized during the visit of two producers and the audio visual officer from Geneva, whose mission was to document the activities of the Peer Educators and a Red Cross artistic group as part of a ten minute video on youth and the Federation's HIV/AIDS anti-stigma campaign for 8 May. The video will be distributed to all national societies and will be shown at the UNGASS meeting in New York. The footage will also be used in a 43 minute documentary. The national society press officer was involved and helped organize events throughout the producer's mission.

The regional information delegate worked with the Regional Health and the Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross Press Officer to prepare a radio program on the Federation's campaign against HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination during World Red Cross day. The program has been broadcast on 23 Ivorian radio stations and other Francophone West African countries. The programme will also be presented at an HIV/AIDS task force meeting at the Secretariat in the near future. UNAIDS has agreed to copy and distribute the radio programme called "La Vie Continue" to organizations representing people living with HIV/AIDS throughout French-speaking West Africa who will be asked to air the programme on local radio. An article about the radio programme with a link to OndesLibres, which has procured authorization from the delegation to send the radio program to Canal Educatif Francophone, a French-speaking media outfit broadcasting via satellite to 30 African countries.

The regional information delegate also covered synchronized national immunization days against polio in Niger and Nigeria during which the NRCS and Niger Red Cross carried out social mobilization campaigns. Nigerian Red Cross Mother's Club and peer educators activities were also covered during the mission. A polio article for Red Cross/Red Crescent Magazine was submitted for publication. Photos are posted in the Federation web photo gallery.

Regional Information attended the launching of the Southern Africa Regional Delegation's website in Harare, Zimbabwe. The aim of the mission was to discuss the possibility of creating such a website in West Africa. All articles are posted on <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/>. While all photos have been posted on the Federation web site photo gallery: <http://www.ifrc.org/photo/>

The Communications Guide on CD was distributed to all English-speaking info/dissemination officers in the region. A French version will soon be available from Geneva. Photos taken during missions to Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Niger, Ghana and Burkina Faso have been burned on CD and sent to National Society counterparts for use in their publications. The ICRC Communications Delegate was afforded Federation footage for a music video project for 8 May.

Objective 4: *Support organizational change within the LNRCS, enabling better delivery of relevant services to the most vulnerable.*

After a three-day briefing at the Abidjan delegation, the Liberia Technical Advisor left for a two-month mission to Liberia. He conducted a week-long Vulnerability, Capacity Assessment training for approximately 40 branch members and headquarters. A workshop took place on 14-15 May attended by the chairpersons and field officers of 13 out of 15 chapters. Documents such as Strategy 2010, Ouagadougou Declaration, ARCHI 2010 were reviewed in the VCA concept. Regional OD could not do a Good Governance presentation as planned due to heightened security restrictions in Liberia and cancellation of all flights. In addition to May 8 celebrations, the month of May was declared a "Red Cross month" by the LNRCS. Activities undertaken include a press conference, radio talk shows, HIV/AIDS awareness campaign in schools and IDP camps as well as a membership drive that will last up to 2003.

External audits of 2000 and 2001 are in progress. The LNRCS is seeking assistance from the Federation in developing a financial manual, installing a computerized computer package and in providing the necessary

training. Articles were written and photos taken and sent to the regional delegation for the Federation website. The technical Advisor visited five chapters in the southeast of the country with the Assistant Secretary General in view of preparations for their VCA. A feasibility study on income generation projects is being done by the LNRCS.

Regional Cooperation

Objective 1: *Support national society sub-regional cooperation and information exchange*

Terms of Reference for the Sub-Regional, Sectoral and Regional Working groups for West Africa were completed and agreed upon during a meeting held with all the Presidents of the 16 West African countries in Abidjan on the 16 April, 2002. As a result, the first sub regional working group meetings have now been convened or scheduled for the near future. The dates are as follows: Dakar Sub Region: completed on 10 June, Abidjan Sub Region: 15 July, Lagos Sub Region: 18-19 July. Funds will be transferred from the Regional Delegation directly to working groups who will manage their own budgets based on agreed guidelines.

The Regional Office in Lagos is planned to be officially opened on 1 January 2003, but the Head of Delegation in Lagos will already spend 25% of his time on work related to the Lagos Regional Office. Due to a lack of funding the Abidjan Regional Office cannot yet be opened. However, a decision has been taken that Central Africa (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, 2 Congos, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tomé e Principe and Gabon) should report to the Regional Delegation in Abidjan. A new Head of Regional Office for Yaounde will take up his position end July 2002. The Central Africa HoRD and the desk officer visited the regional delegation to evaluate how best to include Central Africa into the existing structure and how best to give support from the Regional Delegation, especially in view of Finance, Information and Reporting.

The Liberia Delegation was officially closed in April 2002. However, a Technical Advisor has assisted the national society in preparing a Strategic Plan, a VCA and will return in August to continue the CAS process. The HoRD undertook several missions to Togo, Liberia, Guinea Conakry, Nigeria and Ghana with the aim to give support and improve relations with the national society and to assist on questions related to governance and management.

CAS: A Regional CAS workshop is being planned for all those directly involved in the CAS process with the objective of sharing ideas and experiences between national societies and providing outside training. Nine different countries and approximately 20 participants are anticipated. Currently, Burkina Faso Red Cross CAS is completed; Senegal, Ghana and Liberia Red Cross are in progress. Togo, Mauritania, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Nigeria are starting the process while Niger and Guinea Bissau are in the early discussion phase.

Dakar Sub region

The headquarters agreement of the Sub Regional Office (SRO) is still being processed by the government but series of meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs emphasized to them the urgency of the agreement. The next meeting is fixed for July 2. Meanwhile, a six-month permit has been granted to the Finance and Resource Development delegate. The regional delegation provided technical assistance in financial management and reporting through the visit of the financial analyst and reporting officers from the delegation.

Data collection on ARCHI 2010 experiences continues to take place. The Senegalese Red Cross received help in organizing their May 8 activities under the heading "ARCHI fights transmittable diseases." The SRO continues to follow up the SRCS project entitled "Sickness of Dirty Hands" involving 1,200 pupils and 50 food vendors around the school. The aim of this project is to reduce the risk of contagious diseases.. The national society is still awaiting funding to continue the activities.

The national societies continue to benefit from knowledge sharing through documents prepared by the Senegalese Red Cross. Under the sponsorship of Swiss Red Cross, Chadian Red Cross Program Coordinator visited from 9-30 June with the aim of improving organizational development skills. The presence of Swiss Red Cross Programme Manager at the Sub regional office for three weeks has enabled the sub office to contribute to the capacity building of the Chad Red Cross Programme Manager in OD. The collection of

experiences from the national societies continue. Good experiences collected would be used to challenge and assist other national societies.

Within the framework of assisting the SRCS in its involvement in measles mobilization campaign, the regional delegation sent a measles consultant on 11-16 June to review measles activities in the national society and link it with possible partners such as WHO and the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH). WHO has agreed in principle to fund the activities of the SRCS in its Measles social mobilization campaign.

The Sub-regional office not only assists the SRCS in developing projects, to be submitted to Kuwait Red Crescent but also co-ordinates food security in the sub region for the regional DP department. To do this effectively, the SRO head is doing a survey of activities of national societies in the area of food security with the aim of collecting information to be discussed during the sectoral working groups.

Objective 2: *Support human resource development and deployment in West Africa*

The Regional Delegation continues to send the list of open positions published by the Federation to the National societies for dissemination. The application from the Senegalese Red Cross Society has been sent to the HR Department in Geneva. Dr. Marie Tanoh of regional health participated in the French Red Cross BTC in June. Some staff members have expressed the desire to attend BTC courses with PNSs that are willing to sponsor them.

Coordination and Management

Delegation Management

Objective 1: *Improve Regional delegation management and coordination.*

Considerable work and effort has been put into reviewing the budgets for 2002 by all the Programme Managers and the management. The financial situation is critical and efforts are being made to cut costs on all levels.

Reporting

Objectives 2: *Provide timely reporting according to federation standards.*

The Regional reporting officer undertook a mission to the Nigeria delegation for the purpose of familiarization with activities and training the the NRCS reporting officer. The officer was introduced to the Federation style sheet and reporting formats. He benefited from a writing and editing training module prepared by the regional reporting officer and continues to receive coaching by e-mail. This module is currently being updated. Assistance was also provided to the Guinea, Nigeria and the Regional delegation in preparing and fine-tuning their annual reports and first program updates for 2002. The OD department also received assistance in preparing their quarterly report for the Finnish Red Cross.

The regional reporting officer assisted the DP department in editing the English version of their February 2002 workshop report. The regional delegation and LNRCS received technical assistance in preparing their monthly reports. Regional reporting assisted the Burkina Faso Red Cross in preparing their Operations Update on the meningitis epidemic as well as the Senegalese Red Cross in preparing their Information Bulletins on flooding.

In June, the reporting officer had a familiarization mission to the Dakar sub-regional office to exchange ideas with the sub-regional head and the FRD delegate on result-based reporting. The mission enabled the RRO to explain to the sub-regional office and the Senegalese Red Cross the expectations of the regional delegation in reporting. The RRO gave reporting and translation orientation to the new assistant to the sub-regional head of office, who will now be handling reports. The possibility of future training was also discussed. The SRCS was sensitized to the need for maintaining regular exchange of information with the sub-regional office and the delegation.

Finance

Objectives 3: *Improve accounting and financial management performed by Federation financial regulations and procedures.*

The finance team met and discussed the organization of tasks within the department with a view to expanding the level of service to supported delegations including providing basic accounting services to Central Africa. Significant work has been done in tidying up the accounts and financial management for the Liberia delegation. This quarter saw the use of the new system for sharing regional delegation support costs across regional programmes, with few teething problems being resolved. Discussions were held with a currency trading company regarding the issue of intra-regional funds transfers but it does not appear that their services will be efficient in West and Central Africa.

The Guinea Conakry finance delegate has been giving excellent support in the audit of project PC I 002 and a lot of progress has been made so far.

The RFU analyst gave technical support to the Dakar office by installing FRT and training all Dakar office staff, including the newly appointed Finance Officer in Federation financial procedures. Liberia Red Cross Secretary General received technical advice on Federation procedures regarding funds transfer and management.

All FRT accounts for supported delegations in West Africa were processed and submitted on time to the Secretariat. CODA accounts for supported delegations in West Africa were checked using Business Objects reporting system. Cash request analyses were prepared for all supported delegations in West Africa for approval in the Secretariat. Ongoing assistance has been given to supported delegations on matters related to maintenance of Federation financial systems. Regional budget revision process progressed during this reporting period. The finance department has been further strengthened with the permanent contract of the new cashier.

Objective 4: *Institute knowledge management services supporting Federation work in core areas with special attention to volunteer management.*

Although the regional OD and health officers are looking into ways to collaborate on Volunteer Management during the ongoing Measles campaign, the lack of resources would be a limiting factor.

Objective 5: *Provide support for the achievement of the Federation's objectives for 2002 and 2003 in Liberia by efficient and cost effective management.* Please refer to the OD section on Liberia.

Outstanding needs

Due to the very limited funding the following programmes have been closed or put on hold in the hope of future funding: HR Development, Population Movement, Food Security, VCA, First Aid and Water and Sanitation. It is possible that other programmes will have to be closed before the end of the year due to lack of funding. The coverage of the 2002-2003 Appeal remains unacceptably low.

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Western Africa Regional						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.01/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				03.10.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				3'354'107		TOTAL COVERAGE 73.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
Programme support						
Programme support RFU						
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		70'000	USD	116'480	17.04.2002	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE, RELIEF
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				182'500	19.02.2002	FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, HUMANITARIAN VALUES, FOOD SECURITY, COOPERATION, DAKAR OFFICE
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				185'000	07.08.2002	FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, HUMANITARIAN VALUES, FOOD SECURITY, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
DANISH - GOVT		250'000	DKK	49'300	10.09.2002	HEALTH & CARE
DANISH - RC		231'250	DKK	45'602	10.09.2002	DAKAR OFFICE, HUMAN. VALUES
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		59'248	EUR	87'622	22.01.2002	REGIONAL OD PROGRAMMES
NORWEGIAN - RC				10'000	06.06.2002	IN COUNTRY COSTS DELEGATE
NORWEGIAN - RC				3'800	02.07.2002	DELEGATE WORKSHOP
TUNISIAN - RC		2'000	USD	3'406	12.03.2002	SENEGAL FLOODS
SPANISH - RC				1'778	28.02.2002	POPULATION MOVEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		5'000'000	SEK	790'500	30.05.2002	HEALTH, ORGANISATIONAL DEV., DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, COOPERATION
SWEDISH - GOVT		300'000	SEK	47'610	13.09.2002	VCA AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - RC		5'000	USD	8'514	12.02.2002	SENEGAL FLOODS
PRIVATE DONOR ON LINE		30	USD	50	14.05.2002	
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				83'500		P61201
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2'192'087	CHF	65.4%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CANADA	DELEGATE(S)			30'061		
FRANCE	DELEGATE(S)			56'837		
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			2'300		
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			42'500		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			99'876		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE(S)			27'433		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				259'007	CHF	7.7%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED						
				0	CHF	

Western Africa Regional

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PROGRAMME	Disaster Prep.	Health & Care	Human. Values	OD	Reg. Co-operation	Co-ord. & Mgmt	TOTAL
Shelter & Construction	4,155						4,155
Clothing & Textiles				1,074			1,074
Medical & 1st Aid	1,000	7,202					8,202
Teaching Materials		12,694					12,694
Subtotal Supplies	5,155	19,896		1,074			26,125
Vehicles		19,609		37,500			57,109
Computer & Telecom	98	26,780	4,193	11,179	28	1,438	43,716
Other Capital Equipment		8,916	76				8,992
Subtotal Capital	98	55,305	4,269	48,679	28	1,438	109,817
Programme Management	20,726	84,743	18,137	38,132	19,493	2,835	184,066
Technical Services	6,204	25,367	5,429	11,415	5,835	849	55,100
Professional Services	6,881	28,132	6,021	12,659	6,471	941	61,105
Subtotal Programme Support	33,811	138,242	29,588	62,205	31,799	4,624	300,270
Warehousing/Inspection	226	338	705	338		1,354	2,961
Transport & Vehicles	24,647	127,949	22,495	43,972	18,801	80,419	318,283
Logistics Support						-28,498	-28,498
Subtotal Transport & Storage	24,873	128,287	23,200	44,310	18,801	53,275	292,746
Delegates & Expatriates	48,590	115,397	66,778	174,419	34,675	150,790	590,649
National Societies and Local Staff	93,736	303,360	80,548	74,163	58,921	251,643	862,371
Subtotal Personnel	142,326	418,757	147,326	248,582	93,596	402,433	1,453,020
Travel & Related Expenses	30,505	67,138	8,604	29,700	14,871	52,147	202,966
Information	7,315	88,696	3,041	5,554	512	282	105,400
Consultants	14,328	47,475	22,011	21,090	12,315	42,167	159,386
General Expenses	37,005	100,665	27,316	93,376	56,193	99,849	414,404
Training Workshops & Seminars	11,959	192,288	3,626	10,933	60,965	10,201	289,972
Subtotal Training, Information & General	101,112	496,262	64,599	160,653	144,856	204,646	1,172,128
TOTAL BUDGET	307,376	1,256,749	268,982	565,503	289,080	666,416	3,354,107