

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.09/2002

Appeal Target: CHF 182,727 (USD 113,343 or EUR 125,462)

Programme Update No. 1; Period covered: January-March 2002

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 33.1%

Related Appeals: N/A

Outstanding needs: CHF 122,982 (USD 76,392 or EUR 84,686)

Update: The program priorities of the Red Cross Society of Eritrea (RCSE) are based on the four core areas identified in the Strategy 2010. The role of the Federation is focused on providing technical support and assistance to the RCSE in order to develop its capacity and programs. Assistance has been mainly provided through the mobilization of resources and co-ordination of the input of the partner national societies. The Federation has been playing an important role in programming development, while the implementation role remains with the RCSE. The Federation has one representative in Asmara and specific technical support is provided by delegates from the regional delegation in Nairobi. Very limited support has been received to support the main activity in this appeal (the cost of technical assistance to the national society), and donors are encouraged to contribute to enable the planned programme objectives to be implemented.

Organizational Development

Objective 1 To assist the national society in obtaining a formal recognition from the Eritrean government and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Achievements In close collaboration with the ICRC delegation in Asmara, the formal recognition of the national society has been advocated with relevant government bodies. However, progress was difficult to measure. It seems that the drafting and translation of the proclamation plus the agreement in principle by the authorities for its implementation is in place. It is anticipated that only some technical aspects remain before the proclamation is made. Meanwhile, a 12 page magazine is being developed aimed at profiling the history of the national society, its vision, programs and activities and some of its active volunteers.

In conclusion, the expected result for mid 2002 (the national society will have been formally recognised by its government and by the ICRC and admitted to the Federation as a full member, that the first general assembly is organised and a functional governance structure is in place) is delayed by at least another 3 months.

Objective 2 To assist the national society in establishing a clear national society structure (including governance) and to improve its internal communications.

Achievements Frequent discussions with senior management of the national society have resulted in their acceptance to restructure the roles and responsibilities of technical departments, to clarify and to improve the communication and decision-making process, to strengthen the performance of staff at headquarters and branch levels and to improve the existing performance evaluation system and to strengthen the human resource capacity, among others by organising training on core activities and by recruiting new professional staff.

The planned activities to promote resource development and membership recruitment are related to (the delay of) the recognition process. No progress has been made yet in these areas.

In conclusion, the expected result for mid-2003 (the national society will have finalised the reorganisation process, adequate professional staff will have been trained and/or employed, and clear responsibility lines will have been established, and that the national society has at least 5,000 members) is by and large on track.

Objective 3 To assist the national society in improving its disaster preparedness and response capacities.

Achievements During recent years, disaster preparedness activities have received limited attention due to the conflict and drought related context. The national society has now fully accepted the need to address small scale disasters and emergencies at the community level and to integrate their interventions with the other existing or emerging programs such as community based first aid, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS and volunteer development.

In conclusion, the expected result for mid-2003 (the national society role in the national disaster preparedness plan, the operational systems and structures will have been defined and that volunteers and staff are organised and trained to act in case of disasters) is progressing.

Objective 4 To support the national society in strengthening its HIV/AIDS and community- based health activities in order to respond to the increasing needs.

Achievements After discussions with various partners, the strategic HIV/AIDS plan 2002-2005 will be finalized during the second visit of the regional delegate to Asmara. Well-defined, appropriate and action-oriented HIV/AIDS interventions have been identified and are being integrated into existing but improved health related interventions. Furthermore, the national society is becoming a member of the national working group on HIV/AIDS and has developed contacts with the national association of People Living With Aids (PLWA).

In conclusion, the expected result for the end of 2002 (the national society's role in the national HIV/AIDS plan will have been identified and key national partnerships developed) is on track.

Objective 5 To assist the national society in resource development and financial management in order to meet increased demands.

Achievements Efforts to promote more frequent contacts have been further developed with the ICRC Asmara and sister national societies as well as with various organisations in Eritrea. Support has been given to the partnership meeting of the national society in February. Assistance from the regional delegation to further improve the financial management system is planned for the second quarter.

In conclusion, the expected result for the end of 2002 (the new computerised financial system will have been fully functional and fulfilling donor requirements and that local financial resources are available to cover the core costs and a part of the national society program activities) is realistic.

Outstanding needs

The RCSE is receiving financial support for its programmes directly from the donors. The Federation is only appealing for the cost of its technical assistance to the national society. Even though the budget for this technical support is relatively small, continued donor support is vital for the Federation's presence in Eritrea.

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Eritrea						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.09/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				02.05.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				182'727		TOTAL COVERAGE 33.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				435		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				435	CHF	0.2%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			60'000		HOD / MW
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				60'000	CHF	32.8%