

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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SPECIAL FOCUS ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MEASURES IN PREPARATION FOR NEW FLOODS;

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.17/2002

Appeal Target: CHF 5,191,782

Programme Update No. 1; Period covered: January 2002

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 9.2%

Related Appeals: 10/01; Mozambique: Floods

Outstanding needs: CHF 4,746,099

Summary/Update: Further support in all the programmes outlined in the 2002 annual appeal is urgently required if the Federation’s delegation is to be able to provide the assistance needed to strengthen the Mozambique Red Cross Society (MRCS) capacity to deal with future natural disasters as well as all the other related components of the appeal.

Introduction

This programme update focuses on disaster preparedness in Mozambique and seeks to outline the delegation’s current activities in preparation of future floods and cyclones. The disaster season is at its height and the delegation and the Mozambique Red Cross Society (MRCS) are doing everything within their means to be prepared for a potential future disaster. The disaster preparedness programme forms part of the annual appeal for the Mozambique delegation, for which the delegation seeks CHF 987,383 for the year 2002. Obtaining the required funding is essential for the delegation to be able to assist the MRCS to increase its disaster preparedness capacity, thereby decreasing the impact of future disasters. Although this update focuses on disaster preparedness, there are obviously strong linkages to all other programmes, such as health and care and co-ordination and management. Please also refer to the full Mozambique 2002 annual appeal (no. 01.17(2002)). A regular programme update will be issued on a quarterly basis covering all programme activities.

Operational Developments

The months of January and February traditionally herald the onset of flooding and cyclones in Mozambique. Following the devastating flooding caused by these natural disasters during 2000 and 2001, the MRCS and the Federation have geared up their joint contingency plans in order to ensure any new disasters are dealt with in a timely and co-ordinated way.

The MRCS and the Federation maintained a close watch on Cyclone Dina and by 25 January were able to report that this particular cyclone no longer threatened Mozambique. The occurrence of this cyclone so close to the country provided a timely reminder of the potential affects such a storm might have on a country still recovering from the ravages of the 2000 and 2001 floods. The objective of this programme update is to provide a brief of the activities of the MRCS and the Federation over the previous months, which directly impact on disaster mitigation within the county.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

Following the alerts of the potential impact of tropical Cyclone Dina and the Tropical Storm 10S along the southern African coast, the MRCS has re-established its disaster preparedness and disaster response system by implementing its contingency plan. This plan has been designed in accordance with the national contingency plan from the National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC).

MRCS contingency plan

The MRCS contingency plan focuses on the most disaster prone areas in which MRCS operates, taking into account the material and human resources available (staff and volunteers) it currently has to deal with any new natural disaster. The plan incorporates the disaster management executive bodies and co-ordination activities of all the various institutions and international organizations, with special attention to the International Red Cross Movement, United Nations agencies and FewNet Mind.

In order to support the activities that will enable the MRCS to update the data within the plan, three teams from the MRCS and the Federation conducted field trips in 8 of the most disaster-prone provinces during the second quarter of January, in order to carry out an assessment of MRCS disaster response capacity at the provincial level. An integral part of the MRCS contingency plan dedicates special attention to specific activities of the MRCS programme areas (institutional and resources development; information and dissemination; health, water and sanitation; social welfare and logistics) and their role before, during and after the disaster.

Objective: Disaster relief for families: providing Mozambique Red Cross provincial offices with appropriate national relief supplies, enabling them to better prepare for and respond to the current season of emergency situations and disasters, by replenishing and building-up the DPP (Disaster Preparedness Programme) stock of 5,500 Family Relief Kits.

The pre-positioning of national disaster preparedness stock and equipment aims to replenish the stocks utilised by the MRCS and the Federation during the emergency phase. After verifying the inventory in the Maputo and Beira warehouses, additional funds were requested from the PNS' to cover the MRCS and Federation outstanding needs. The British Red Cross (BRCS) responded positively to a request and donated 1,890 family tents, 6,743 blankets, 1,500 kitchen sets, 3,000 mosquito nets, 3,000 buckets and 3,000 jerry cans. With the arrival of these much needed DP stocks from the BRCS, the delegation has not only been able to complete the original 4,000 family relief kits, but in addition, has increased the pre-positioned stock by another 1,500 family kits in order to reinforce the MRCS' capacity to response to recurrent disasters.

Item	Total needs	In stock	Outstanding Needs
Family Tent (Family Relief Kit)	5,500	4,566	934
Tarpaulin (Family Relief Kit)	5,500	4,473	0
Rolls Plastic Sheeting (Family Relief Kit)	400	92	308

Blankets (Family Relief Kit)	11,000	14,749	0
Soap (kg) (Family Relief Kit)	16,500	19264	0
Mosquito Nets (Family Relief Kit)	11,000	10,919	81
Kitchen Sets (Family Relief Kit)	5'500	5,490	10
Collapsible Jerry Cans (Family Relief Kit)	11.000	21,860	0
Buckets (Family Relief Kit)	11,000	13,060	0
Sleeping Mattresses (Family Relief Kit)	11,000	8,000	3,000

The pre-positioning of national disaster preparedness stock and equipment was concluded in Gaza and Inhambane Provinces and the preposition for the rest of the provinces will start as soon as a transport company has been identified and selected in order to carry out the distribution at national level. The kits have been distributed in order to reinforce the Mozambique Red Cross response capacity. The distribution plan for the family kits starts with the items already in-country, and the rest of the items currently in customs will be delivered.

Objective: Disaster relief kits and equipment for the MRCS: deliver/distribute 500 relief kits for volunteers, 70 relief kits for staff and 16 basic relief kits for target districts in the central zone region during January 2002; 500 relief kits for volunteers, 70 relief kits for staff and 16 basic relief kits for target districts in the central zone region during January 2002.

Four motorbikes planned for DP technicians in Sofala, Manica, Tete and Zambezia have been purchased and handed over. Bicycles have not yet been purchased due to a lack of funds. The contents of the 500 volunteer kits, 70 Staff/Delegates kits have been purchased and assembled but additional money is required to complete the 16 basic relief kits.

Item	Volunteer kits	Staff kits
Mosquito nets	500	70
Mattresses	-	70
Sleeping bags	-	70
Blankets	500	140
Torch	500	140
Repellent	-	70
Rain coat	500	70
Printed hang bag	-	-
Soap	500	70
Gum boot	500	70

Basic Relief Kits

Item	Total Needs	Purchased	Outstanding Needs
Whistle	480	480	0
Megaphone	80	10	70
Life jacket	240	240	0
Raincoat	480	480	0

Stretcher	80	0	80
Caps	480	480	0
T-shirt - Red Cross	480	480	0
Waste coats	480	480	0
Rope	80	80	0
First aid bag	80	80	0
Uniforms	480	0	480
Binoculars	80	80	0
Lanterns	160	160	0
Torch	480	480	0
Red Cross flag	160	0	160
Radio handset	160	0	160
Body bag	160	160	0
Tents x 6 persons	160	0	160
Fire extinguisher	80	0	80
Machete	160	160	0
Shovels	160	160	0
Pick axes	160	160	0

Objective: Community-based disaster preparedness: in line with the African Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies’ Health Initiative (ARCHI) 2010, to strengthen the community’s ability to respond to emergency situations and disasters in seven target districts in Zambezia province as a pilot DP programme project.

During the first week of November a “Home Safe” workshop was held with the participation of volunteers from seven districts in Zambezia involved in the pilot project. So far the MRCS has trained 111 facilitators in Zambezia, who have so far held a total 252 community workshops with a total of 7.965 participants.

An MoU was signed between FewNet and the MRCS to distribute 1,000 community radios in September in Sofala (420) and Zambezia (580) to all communities where the community based disaster preparedness programme (CBDP) is being developed. The objective is to reinforce the early warning system in the central zone. Due to lack of funds the evaluation workshop and the implementation of micro projects are still pending.

Objective: Training of technicians in DP and logistics: national training for disaster preparedness technicians and basic training in logistics for the staff in 8 provincial offices in order to improve the management of the pre-positioning stocks.

During the second week of December, the MRCS developed a first national DP workshop in Chimoio with participation of 11 DP technicians, who received basic training in disaster management together with the other MRCS technicians from health, social, watsan and administration and finance who all participated in the general session related to disaster preparedness issues.

Eight basic training workshops in logistics (pilot) were held during the third and the fourth weeks of January in the most disaster prone provinces with the purpose of presenting the draft of the MRCS Logistics and Relief Manual -- a guide of logistics procedures for the management of stocks, transport facilities, identification of beneficiaries, distribution of relief supplies and reports in all MRCS provincial offices.

Objectives: Telecommunications: the telecommunications network in the central zonal region was upgraded between July and December 2001, by transferring already installed, outdated equipment to less vital offices in the provinces which are less susceptible to flooding, thereby enabling this disaster-prone region to be in an improved position to respond to future disasters.

All the radio equipment, (4 base stations, 3 repeater stations, 8 mobile stations, and 30 hand-held radios), designated to MRCS offices and vehicles in the four flood affected provinces were procured and have arrived in Maputo. Unfortunately the equipment was blocked in customs for several months due to customs fees issues. In the middle of January, this equipment was cleared from customs, and the outdated equipment is being transferred to less vital offices, being replaced by the new equipment. Planning is also underway for one central zonal region and four provincial telecommunications training seminars, with the programme and format having already being developed and agreed by the Federation and MRCS.

Objective: Co-ordination and collaboration: the MRCS and Federation continues to attend all relevant governmental and non-governmental meetings at the central, provincial and district levels, to ensure that good co-operation and co-ordination is maintained at all times, together with other humanitarian actors.

The MRCS played a crucial role in the overall flood operation, with its emergency response and wide coverage of beneficiaries having been widely acclaimed by the Government and UN in-country counterparts. The collaboration between the MRCS and the INGC is translated by an active participation in the Disaster Management Councils and through seven working groups, notably: co-ordination; early warning; civic education and awareness; search and rescue; logistics; shelter; and water and sanitation.

National society capacity building

The scale and effectiveness of the MRCS response to the disaster bears testimony not only to the speed and degree of support by the Federation delegation and PNS to the MRCS during the crisis, but also to the capacity building of the national society supported by the Federation since the 2000 floods.

In a 3-day disaster review workshop which took place in October, the response to the 2001 floods was analysed by personnel from the MRCS, the Federation, the INGC, as well as PNSs. The aim of the review was to:

- allow key Red Cross stakeholders to talk through their experience with regard to the response to the floods in order to enrich their understanding of what happened; to learn important lessons; and to be able to apply those lessons in the future.
- To begin a process of developing a portfolio of lessons learnt that can provide the basis for the ongoing development of practical disaster preparedness (DP) guidelines and policy.

Also in the month of October there was a series of workshops which focussed on counterpart relationships and the SPHERE project. These were attended by Federation delegates, MRCS headquarters staff and PNS delegates. Much effort has been given to the MRCS in the preparation of its Co-operation Agreement Strategy (CAS). At present, the MRCS' CAS document is in its final stage for approval and subsequent distribution.

Federation delegation

The Federation's delegation in Mozambique consists of the main delegation in Maputo and the sub-delegation in Beira. As planned, the four field offices were closed by 30 June, marking the end of the Federation's emergency phase of the operation. Consequently, the majority of delegates specifically mobilized for the

emergency phase of the operation ended their mission and left Mozambique. All core sector delegates are based in the Maputo Delegation and make periodic field visits to the various provinces. The Beira sub-delegation was closed by the end of December 2001 with one representative (team leader) Federation delegate remaining in Beira and working directly out of the MRCS Sofala Provincial office (until the middle of February).

Outstanding needs

Support to complete a total of 5,500 full family kits (934 family tents, 3,000 sleeping mats, and 308 rolls of plastic sheeting) is needed, as well as funding support for the other components of the appeal.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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For longer-term programmes, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal.

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Mozambique						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.17/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				19.02.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				5'191'782		TOTAL COVERAGE 8.2%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
AMERICAN - RC		25'000	USD	41'975	31.12.2001	DELEGATION SUPPORT
BRITISH - RC				61'609	30.01.2002	REHAB. WORK SOFALA/MANICA
CANADIAN - GOVT		85'000	CAD	88'536	30.01.2002	INSTIT. & RESOURCE DEV.
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				192'120	CHF	3.7%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			39'589		
SPAIN	DELEGATE(S)			27'433		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			49'938		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE(S)			12'649		
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			105'954		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				235'563	CHF	4.5%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	