

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## ***EAST TIMOR***

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*Appeal Target CHF 378,254*

*Programme Update No. 2*

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### ***"At a Glance"***

***Appeal coverage: Covered***

***Related Appeals: South East Asia regional programmes (01.30/2002)***

***Outstanding needs: None***

***Update: The East Timor Red Cross has received strong donor support in its work with vulnerable people. The National Society has been part of a wider, coordinated approach to the humanitarian challenge in the months following independence and - with Federation backing - it will continue this collaborative method of community engagement.***

### ***Operational Developments***

In the four months since independence, the East Timorese government has made notable attempts to tackle the economic and social challenges faced by the fledgling state. Recently, in its efforts to play a wider role in the international community, the world's newest nation joined the ranks of the UN and World Health Organisation. At the same time, parliamentary approval was gained for signing of the Geneva Conventions and other important humanitarian laws.

The East Timor Red Cross (CVTL) established during the same period a new governance structure composed of 12 members of civil society and elected, as chairman, dean of the national university. Negotiations with the government has quickly ensued for approval of Red Cross laws and statutes. The governing board has also played an important role in the creation of four new CVTL branches - in Baucau, Ainaro, Bobonaro, and the Oecussi enclave.

## ***Disaster Response/Preparedness***

***Objective 1*** CVTL contributes to the mitigation of disasters within two years in those communities with Red Cross supported water projects.

### ***Activities & Achievements***

In recognition of its efforts in the reduction of natural disasters in East Timor, CVTL was presented a Certificate of Merit from the UN International Strategy of Disaster Reduction at its annual Sasakawa awards. While in Geneva to accept the award, CVTL's secretary general also established further contact with the Federation, ICRC and several UN agencies.

Starting September, CVTL initiated twice-weekly meetings with three national society staff and 12 volunteers at headquarters, to train them in the basics of disaster management. Training covers logistics, radio systems, fleet management, (including running of CVTL's motor workshop) and warehouse management. Similar training, focused on radio systems and logistics, has also commenced monthly for the four new branches. Issues of national disaster management policy are discussed during this time.

***Objective 2*** CVTL has the capacity within two years, to provide initial relief to the victims of disaster.

### ***Activities & Achievements***

The government's national disaster management office continues to monitor the possibility of drought caused by the El Nino phenomenon. In this regard, meetings have been held with the national disaster management committee to revise contingency plans in the event of floods, landslides and drought. Preparation of CVTL's own contingency disaster plan is also underway.

### ***Constraints***

Lack of financial resources to purchase relief supplies and hire staff for CVTL's disaster management programme continues to pose a challenge.

## ***Humanitarian Values***

***Objective 1*** A strong and well-developed communications capacity.

### ***Activities & Achievements***

CVTL has established a communications working group comprising five participants from the NS's first communications workshop, held in June. The group ensures weekly updates of the NS's general notice board and is currently designing a brochure and bulletin for CVTL.

***Objective 2*** Strategic links with media to secure sustained and high profile media for the activities of the CVTL.

### ***Activities & Achievements***

News of the UN conferred Certificate of Merit to CVTL, as part of its annual Sasakawa awards, and the visit of the NS's secretary general to Geneva were highlighted in the Federation's web site.

***Objective 3*** Heightened awareness of RC activities in the country by external stakeholders.

### ***Activities & Achievements***

Contacts continue to be developed with government authorities, UN agencies, embassies, international NGO's and other members of civil society. In recent months, CVTL received a donation of water pipes and materials from Action Contre la Faim for its water and sanitation project, and contributions from Unicef, WHO, UNDP, Family Health International and HelpNet for its HIV/AIDS work.

## **Health and Care**

*Objective 1 CVTL develops sufficient capacity to initiate health projects based on identified needs of the primary health care programme.*

### **Activities & Achievements**

CVTL's water and sanitation project has constructed clean water supply systems in three districts, in close cooperation with government Water Sanitation Services and other international organisations.

In cooperation with the Department of Health, CVTL assisted with a polio immunization campaign that reached 91 percent of the targeted population, roughly 135,000 children. The NS also worked closely with the WHO and Unicef on HIV/AIDS activities including - training of volunteers in peer education, preparation of a funding proposal on malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS, and discussions on a national plan to combat the threat of STDs and HIV/AIDS.

*Objective 2 Improve the level of basic health and care services for the most vulnerable in three communities within three years.*

### **Activities & Achievements:**

CVTL recently provided first aid training for 16 nurses from 13 districts around the country. By the end of the year, similar training courses will be conducted for volunteers in Baucau, Maliana and Ainaro. Translation of the Federation's first aid manual into the national language, Tetun, is being finalised.

### **Constraints**

Delays in the disbursement of funds by donors has led to the postponement of some first aid activities, to the end of the year.

## **Organisational Development**

*Objective 1 CVTL is a recognised member of the Movement within four years.*

### **Activities & Achievements**

In September, parliament approved the signing of the Geneva Conventions. During the same period the new CVTL governance structure, the National Commission, was put into place and involved in the creation of four district branches.

*Objective 2 CVTL has a functional management structure with appropriate representation of men and women within three years.*

### **Activities & Achievements**

The NS now has a permanent salaried staff of 45. Twenty-seven work for CVTL's water and sanitation project (funded by the Australian RC until February/March 2003) while the rest work in programmes funded by the Federation and ICRC.

Substantial progress has been made during the past few months in the NS's finance, human resources, logistics, purchasing and administration systems. Training in computer skills and maintenance of IT equipment, however, remain a challenge.

### **Constraints**

Lack of professional IT services and systems in East Timor hinders the NS's progress in this area.

*Objective 3 CVTL has a governing body within three years.*

**Activities & Achievements**

The National Commission was established in September with 12 members (four of whom are women), representing different districts and sectors of the community. The commission has been tasked to modify the NS's statutes and RC laws for formal approval by parliament. Furthermore, the commission will lend its support to CVTL's programmes including branch development, strengthening of its volunteer base and, to ensure the NS' sustainability, various fundraising activities.

**Objective 4** *CVTL has a three year development plan.*

**Activities & Achievements:**

Implementation is planned for 2003.

**Objective 5** *CVTL has at least three branches in within three years.*

**Activities & Achievements**

Four CVTL branches were created in the second half of 2002 - in Baucau, Bobonaro, Ainaro, and the enclave of Oecussi. Staff at the new branches are prepared to carry out tracing and volunteer activities, participate in events related to World AIDS Day and, by the end of the year, will receive first aid training.

**Objective 6** *CVTL has a sustainable resource base to cover core costs within three years.*

**Activities & Achievements**

To mobilise local resources, CVTL has initiated contact with several government departments, international organisations and embassies. The following cash and in-kind contributions were received during the reporting period: CHF20,000 for the World AIDS Day campaign (Unicef, WHO, UNDP and HelpNet and Family Health International); four vehicles (one car, three motorcycles) and one computer, valued at CHF20,000 (UNHCR); and water pipes and construction materials, valued at CHF30,000 (Action contre la Faim). Another CHF1,500 was raised through CVTL's motor mechanics workshop. Portuguese RC has expressed interest in supporting future, small projects related to the environment and volunteers.

**Coordination and Management**

**Objective 1** *Effective overall coordination and management of Federation supported programmes in the country.*

**Activities & Achievements**

Weekly meetings continue between the Federation, CVTL, ICRC and Australian RC to coordinate activities. The Federation provides office space (shared with the water and sanitation coordinators) and telephone line access to the Australian RC bilateral delegate.

**Objective 2** *Coordinated approach with the regional technical teams and NS.*

**Activities & Achievements**

The Federation has plans to organise an introductory course on Better Programming Initiatives for CVTL with the regional delegation, Bangkok.

**Objective 3** *A well managed delegation.*

**Activities & Achievements**

In October, the Federation will hire one full-time, salaried administration/finance staff. The delegation will then be well placed to receive and control its own financial resources (until now resources are disbursed through the ICRC).

**Objective 4** *Effective representation in advocacy.***Activities & Achievements**

Discussions are ongoing with government bodies, international and local organisations, and embassies on the work of CVTL.

**Objective 5** *Harmonious and close working relations with ICRC.***Activities & Achievements**

The Federation has cooperated with ICRC on the preparation of new statutes and RC laws for CVTL, and on the hand-over of its tracing programme to the NS.

**Objective 6** *Coordinated relationship with partners, donors and PNS.***Activities & Achievements**

Korean RC has agreed to support CVTL's first aid programme for two years. Close contacts have also been established with the Portuguese RC, Swedish RC, and other RC/RC partners interested to work in East Timor.

**Outstanding needs**

But for a carry-over of some CHF 170,000 from 2001, Federation-funded programmes in East Timor would be facing a serious deficit with the likelihood of severe curtailment to conserve costs. As it is, the projected financial shortfall at the year end is over CHF 40,000, which must be addressed. The attached contributions list, showing coverage of CHF 115%, is misleading because included are donations already earmarked for activities in 2003.

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<b>East Timor</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.32/2002</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>				02.12.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>378'254</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 115.8%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				171'223		
IRISH - RC				7'138	24.05.2002	
KOREAN - RC				73'202	23.09.2002	
NORWEGIAN - RC		100'000	NOK	18'606	08.02.2002	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PORTUGUESE - RC		15'860	EUR	23'251	12.11.2002	ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT & IMMUNISATION HIV CAMPAIGN
SWEDISH - RC		25'000	SEK	4'030	22.04.2002	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		300'000	SEK	47'430	30.05.2002	
SWISS - RC				3'235	27.12.2001	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				89'900		PTP001
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				438'015	CHF	115.8%