

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.41/2002

Appeal Target CHF2,230,112; now revised to CHF1,732,663 (USD 1.16m/EUR 1.17m) based on realistic estimated income for the period May - December 2002.

Programme Update No. 1 Period covered: January - May 2002.

"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 53.8%

Related Appeals: Pacific regional programmes (Appeal 01.40/2002)

Outstanding needs: CHF 762,066 (USD 511,870/EUR 517,775)

Update: The budget for 2002's programmes in Papua New Guinea has been revised to CHF 1,732,663. A detailed summary of the revised budget is attached as an annex to this programme update. The Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society has successfully educated the public about health and hygiene related issues with initiatives such as the Community Based Self Reliance project and through HIV/AIDS awareness activities.

Operational Developments:

According to reports in the media, Papua New Guinea's (PNG) health system was in a state of decline during the early part of 2002. Many hospitals ran out of essential drugs, and some hospitals were forced to close due to either a shortage of essential drugs, or equipment failure. According to Health Ministry officials, the situation has been stabilised.

In Mount Hagen, over 40 children died as a result of a Measles outbreak which occurred from February -May 2002. According to media reports cases of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases are increasing.

PNG is also feeling the effects of the devaluation of the national currency (the Kina) resulting in rising prices for most products particularly essential items. Inflation coupled with the existing high unemployment rate is leading to further social and security related problems. Incidents of crime and violence are becoming more frequent especially in Port Moresby. Prices for domestic flights, which is the only means of transport between the country's provinces, rose by an additional five per cent. With the government's offering of free education for everyone, there has been a considerable rise in the number of children enrolled in the country's primary and secondary schools.

During February and March, the eight PNG Red Cross Society (PRCS) branches held their annual general meeting. During 2002, two PRCS branches underwent changes in leadership while the remaining six saw minor changes. The annual general assembly of the PRCS council was held in late March, and the Chairperson was reelected. In addition, new representatives were voted in as independent members.

Dissemination sessions have led to an increased awareness among the public of PRCS activities and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. Sessions on the Movement's history and promotion of the fundamental principles continue to be included in all workshops. There has also been more coverage of PRCS activities by the media.

Based on the realistic estimated income, the PNG Delegation has revised the budget for the period covering June - December 2002.

Disaster Response

On 10 January, a powerful earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale struck in Aitape area of PNG's Sandaun province, affecting over 20,000 people. Approximately, 200 homes and 300 wells and water points were damaged by the earthquake. In April, the authorities designated roles and responsibilities for assisting with recovery efforts. PRCS will assist earthquake affected communities by installing forty, 2000 litre Tuffa tanks. Orders were placed for the systems and as of May 2002 the PRCS was awaiting delivery. Logistics remains a large constraint, as there is only one ship plying to the location on a monthly basis. The shipment due in the middle of May was hampered due to a strike by the wharf's workers. The beneficiaries have been identified, and other machinery is in place so that the operation can begin as soon as the tanks arrive in Aitape.

In April, a landslide in Morobe left over 25 people dead and damaged many houses. The Morobe branch conducted an assessment, and distributed essential relief items to affected families including: plastic sheeting, cooking utensils and clothing.

Disaster Preparedness (DP)

Community Based Self Reliance (CBSR) & Disaster Preparedness Capacity Building.

Objective 1: At the community level, in 2002 to prepare 18 of the most at risk communities in the 20 disaster prone areas of PNG to: mitigate the effects of disasters; to respond effectively during disasters; and to improve the health status of their communities. This will be done in partnership with local agencies as necessary.

A one week CBSR follow-up workshop was carried out in Esa-la Milne Bay Province in late April 2002. There were 25 participants representing the eight communities. Participants included women and youth, representatives from church groups, community leaders, health workers, teachers and other community members. Activities resulting from the original workshop were: the building of pit-latrines and their subsequent use by the communities; the construction of covered, lined wells which prevented contamination; and, fencing up pigs to prevent water from being contaminated from the pigs and the waste.

During April's follow-up workshop, it was discovered that many of the participants were not given adequate support from their community leaders and as a result some gave-up. Action was taken in response to the lack of support by the District Administration preparing a written document urging all community leaders to support CBSR representatives.

A fact finding mission prior to commencing the CBSR workshop was held at Siar District, New Ireland Province in mid-May. The mission carried out by the PRCS New Ireland Branch members and staff covered some 20 communities. A month long CBSR workshop will take place in July 2002.

Objective 2: At the branch level: to improve the CBSR and response capacity of PRCS in the most disaster prone areas of PNG; to ensure that appropriate technical and other support can be provided to all vulnerable communities by ten branches (8 existing, 1 in process and in Bougainville), in 20 project areas, in coordination with other stakeholders.

In March, a senior member of one of the PRCS branches attended a one week training workshop in New Zealand on emergencies organised by UNHCR. Similarly, two staff members who are involved in the CBSR and DP programme attended a two week regional workshop in Suva, on evaluating the DP programme with other counterparts from the sister societies in the Pacific. The experience gathered by these participants will be shared during workshops and other training programmes.

PRCS continues to be involved in the various meetings, organised by the National and Provincial Disaster Management Offices and other stakeholders, for establishing partnership networks, sharing of information & developing advocacy in order to strengthen and improve Branch CBSR capacity.

Objective 3: To develop CBSR and response capacity at the headquarters level, to coordinate these activities at the national level, and to effectively support branch and field level CBSR activities.

Periodic meetings with Caritas, AusAID, World Vision, ADRA, UNDP, National Weather Service, National and affected Provincial Disaster offices and with National Disaster Preparedness and awareness committee. After the launch of the PRCS National Disaster Preparedness Plan the Fire Department had several meetings to discuss how they could work with PRCS in times of emergency.

Preparations are underway to print awareness materials for CBSR covering topics in Health, First Aid and Disaster Preparedness. Printing work is expected to be completed by the end of June. These materials will be distributed to the communities during the CBSR or follow-up workshops, and in the schools through the Youth Programme.

The capacity of the CBSR & DP Programme Officers, members of the DART and other facilitators have been strengthened through on the job training.

Objective 4: To expand the cadre of trained volunteers to more than 236 by the end of 2002, especially at the branch level, through disaster management and other additional training programmes, in order to build the disaster preparedness and response capacity in a sustainable manner.

Basic policies and standard formats/guidelines on DP/DR in line with the International Federation's policies and guidelines have been developed with the objective of preparing an effective plan for a timely response.

Pre-positioning and updating of essential DP stock for emergency response has been carried out in four high-risk provinces namely: New Ireland (1), East new Britain (1), Madang (1), and Lae (6). These items are stored in containers. As all of these Branches do not have a proper Branch office, the containers are stored in secured government or corporate compounds.

A planned Disaster Management workshop was postponed due to the departure of the Federation's DP delegate.

Objective 5: Enhance the PRCS profile and its cooperation network at all levels with other agencies, authorities and NGOs through the dissemination of the PRCS national and branch Disaster Preparedness Plans.

PRCS launched their National DP/DR plan in early March which was attended by members of Diplomatic Core, UN missions, representatives from the various government department, private sector and NGOs. This is the only plan currently available in the country. As part of the process, and prior to completion of the plan there were numerous consultations with the various agencies, organisations and government departments. More than 100 copies have been distributed to the various agencies.

The New Ireland and Madang Branches have started work on preparing the Branch DP/DR plan. It is envisaged that the plan will be finalised in the third quarter of 2002.

Health and Care

Objective 1: Through the blood bank and the PRCS branch volunteer structures, expand awareness to three new and seven existing branches.

Awareness materials have been sent on a periodic basis to the various Branches. To coincide with World Red Cross/Red Crescent Day numerous Branches organised various activities which included HIV/AIDS awareness. In Port Moresby close to one thousand people attended the drama session on HIV/AIDS at the National Museum, where there was exhibition on PRCS activities. Awareness talks and distribution of awareness materials were carried out by the trained volunteers. As part of the celebration, there was a parade float among eight others. Different messages on T shirts, banners and posters were displayed on the float which drove along a 15 kilometer stretch.

Objective 2: Provide counseling skills and knowledge on HIV/AIDS to 125 trainees in 2002 so that they can give psychological support to People Living with HIV / AIDS, their families and friends.

This part of the programme will commence in the second half of 2002.

Objective 3: To assist the government to increase knowledge on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and its transmission, and to promote care of HIV positive people among the population, through coordination with NGOs active in the same field.

One HIV/AIDS awareness workshop for 20 participants was carried out in Milne bay Province in April. Participants represented womens' groups, church groups, government departments, youth groups, prisons, the police, the private sector and PRCS volunteers. Four follow-up workshops were carried out in Madang, New Ireland, Lihir and East New Britain. From the follow-up workshops and talking to the various disseminators the dissemination done by the volunteers is very encouraging. However as these volunteers do not follow strict schedules, it is difficult to gather all of them and to get actual reports on numbers regarding where and who they have covered. This makes it difficult for the Branches and the headquarters to compile statistics and reports. HIV/AIDS awareness is promoted through group presentations, video shows, issuing awareness material/posters and through dramas.

Coordination and networking with the National AIDS Council, Provincial AIDS Committee, Ministry of Health and other stakeholders continues.

Over the reporting period, the PRCS received funds from AusAID through the Australian Red Cross, and DFID for the HIV/AIDS programme. Discussions are currently ongoing regarding OPEC funding for the HIV/AIDS programme for an 18 month period, which, when finalized, will cover July 2002 until December 2003. There will be no overlapping or duplication of use of the respective funding for the same activities.

Institutional and Resource Development

Objective 1: To promote the Movement's Fundamental Principles and values among the PRCS staff, members and volunteers, the authorities and the general public.

The history of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement and the Fundamental Principles continue to be disseminated in all the workshops conducted by the PRCS, and during various functions. During the week of 8 May, there was a week long exhibition at the national museum on the function and activities of PRCS and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. There was a ceremony at the museum on 8 May to mark the occasion attended by about 400 spectators who were mainly students. To mark world Red Cross/Red Crescent Day there was a float procession of eight trucks in Port Moresby covering 15 kilometers that ended at the museum. Trucks with volunteers presented messages about the seven fundamental principles, PRCS activities, HIV/AIDS awareness etc. A drama group made a 25 minute presentation on HIV/AIDS at the shopping area and at the museum. The group was supported by HIV/AIDS disseminators who raised awareness on HIV/AIDS and distributed brochures and other information materials. More than 800 people attended these sessions.

500 sets of the seven fundamental principles were printed using local scenes. These were distributed to the various Branches and schools where PRCS programmes exist. During the week of 8 May the principles appeared on a daily basis in the local newspaper.

Objective 2: To strengthen the capacity of the PRCS to cover the entire territory of PNG: by increasing the numbers of adult and youth members; establishing new branches; and, providing training and support to branches to enhance their capacity.

During the Council meeting in May the Youth Policy was approved. A workshop on Youth Management Programme in Schools was held at the headquarters in early March with 20 participants from four selected Provinces. Following the workshop, the Milne bay Branch organised a similar workshop at Branch level for 27 participants comprising teachers and students representing seven schools. Two schools, one each from Central Province and Milne bay Province have started the Youth Programme. It is envisaged that the school Youth Programme will be implemented in 40 schools by the end of the year.

A two day Branch Leadership Workshop was held in April 2002 for 20 participants from the Milne Bay Branch. Topics included governance and management related issues, history of the Red Cross/Red Crescent movement, Strategy 2010, PRCS, its structure and activities. Also included is a topic on integrity.

During the Council meeting in March, the Hagen Branch was endorsed as a full fledged Branch. This brings the total number of PRCS branches to eight while there are two Branches in the formation stage.

Objective 3: To diversify fund-raising plans in order to access funding for the sustainability of the headquarters and branches.

PNG Quest remain the biggest fundraising drive for the National Society. To date there are six confirmed contestants for the quest to take place in early November 2002. There are another four who are expected to confirm their participation. The various Branches are carrying out fundraising organising various events, i.e. golf tournament, fishing competition, seeking funds from businesses.

A three day workshop on Resource development was planned for the first week of June. There will be two participants per Branch together with Fundraising Committee members and representatives from Council, Executive Committee and the Secretariat.

Objective 4: To ensure the National Society follows policies, procedures and practices, in order to be able to mobilize resources for assisting the vulnerable and so contribute to building a stronger civil society.

Meetings at Council level continue once every three months, and the Executive Committee meets twice in three months. During the Council meetings the five year development plan 2002 - 2006 was adopted and the current statutes are being reviewed. Staff meetings for PRCS staff are held on a regular basis. Various reference materials from the Federation Secretariat and from other areas continue to be forwarded to the National Society. A Code of Conduct for the staff and members of PRCS have been endorsed by the Council at the May meeting. At the March Council meeting a policy on awarding awards for members / volunteers was endorsed.

Objective 5: To continue to provide training in governance and management to council members, executives, branch representatives, staff and volunteers.

Training in governance and management related issues is carried out on an ongoing basis through discussions, during the various workshops, meetings and during specially allocated sessions.

Coordination and Management

Objective 1: To effectively manage the Federation delegation and to provide overall coordination and management for Federation supported programmes and operations in PNG.

“All delegate” meetings are held on a monthly basis. Discussions concerning ongoing issues are held almost on a daily basis. Federation delegates and PRCS counterparts meet at least once a week. There is a very close working relationship between PRCS and the Federation delegation. There is a solid line of communication between the delegation and the Secretariat, Regional Finance Unit and the regional Delegation.

The Federation’s DP delegate left PNG in early May. A new HoD arrived at the end of May. PRCS, the Federation’s PNG Delegation, Suva Regional Delegation, and the Geneva Secretariat have been discussing a plan to reduce the number of delegates toward the end of 2002.

The Head of the Federation’s Asia and Pacific Dept. visited PNG and proceeded to Brisbane to have a meeting with PRCS, the Australian Red Cross, ICRC, the PNG delegation, and the Suva Regional Delegation for the purpose of discussing the future possible cooperation among the Movement in mid May. The outcome is positive and all the parties agreed to have a CAS Meeting in PNG inviting other partners in September 2002.

Objective 2: To work towards achieving a National Society with good governance and management, capable of mobilizing its resources to assist vulnerable people.

The Federation continues to provide advice and support on governance and management related issues to PRCS. A number of training programmes have been organised for the staff, members and volunteers at the headquarters and at the Branch level. A four day management workshop mainly for the staff was held in the

early part of the year. Topics include time management, planning, stress management, public relations, working with media, finance & acquittals and other related topics.

Objective 3: To advocate on behalf of the Federation and promote the principles / policies of the Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement.

Coordination of activities with other humanitarian organisation, diplomatic missions and the various government departments is ongoing. The UNHCR Regional Representative based in Canberra paid a visit to the Federation's delegation.

Outstanding needs

Despite extensive efforts, funding for the OD Delegate remains a problem. Although the Federation anticipates securing some funding for the DP programme to achieve the objectives set for 2002, more funding is required to continue with the DP and OD programmes.

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Papua New Guinea						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.41/2002				PLEDGES RECEIVED		10.07.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'732'663		TOTAL COVERAGE 53.8%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				124'445		
SALE OF VEHICLES				90'000		
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				109'500		PPG001
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				125'960		PPG161
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		70'000	AUD	61'551	28.02.2002	DIRECTLY TO NS
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT				9'684		PPG001 REALLOCATION
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				25'000	19.02.2002	
DANISH - GOVT				45'000	18.02.2002	HOD SALARY 2001
GERMAN RC				5'000		PPG001
JAPANESE - RC		7'000'000	JPY	89'425	18.12.2001	
JAPANESE - RC				124'394		PPG161 REALLOCATION
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC				20'000	08.05.2002	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				829'959	CHF	47.9%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
KOREA REPUBLIC	DELEGATE(S)			46'488		
JAPAN	DELEGATE(S)			19'712		
DENMARK	DELEGATE(S)			36'468		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				102'668	CHF	5.9%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NEW ZEALAND - GOVT		50'000	NZD	37'970	01.06.2002	DP CONTAINER PROJECT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				37'970	CHF	

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CHF

PROGRAMME	Disaster Response	Disaster Preparedness	Health & Care	Human Values	OD	Reg. Co-operation	Co-ord. & Mgmt	TOTAL
Shelter & Construction								
Clothing & Textiles								
Food & Seeds								
Water								
Medical & 1st Aid								
Teaching Materials		15,900			5,400			21,300
Ustensils & Tools								
Other Relief Supplies		2,500						2,500
Subtotal Supplies		18,400			5,400			23,800
Land & Buildings								
Vehicles								
Computer & Telecom		22,000	2,500		12,000		7,400	43,900
Medical Equipment								
Other Capital Equipment		10,000			7,000			17,000
Subtotal Capital		32,000	2,500		19,000		7,400	60,900
Programme Management		46,316	10,418		45,110		14,990	116,833
Technical Services		13,865	3,118		13,504		4,487	34,974
Professional Fees		15,376	3,458		14,975		4,976	38,786
Subtotal Programme Support		75,556	16,994		73,589		24,453	190,593
Subtotal Transport & Storage		34,750			6,950		7,350	49,050
Delegates & Expatriates		131,150	2,000		183,100		114,600	430,850
Local Staff		26,070	8,000		28,000		19,000	81,070
Subtotal Personnel		157,220	10,000		211,100		133,600	511,920
Travel & Related Expenses		65,500	3,000		15,500		12,200	96,200
Information		47,650	8,000		34,350		300	90,300
Professional Fees (Expert)		7,500	1,500		3,000		500	12,500
General Expenses		23,400	20,600		69,200		36,500	149,700
Training Workshops & Seminars		224,900	91,900		230,900			547,700
Security								
Subtotal Travel & General Expenses		368,950	125,000		352,950		49,500	896,400
TOTAL BUDGET		686,876	154,494		668,989		222,303	1,732,663