

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## **LEBANON**

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The Lebanese Red Cross Society.

*Appeal No. 01.56/2002*

*Appeal Target CHF 1,433,767 (USD 961,000 / EUR 978,000)*

*Programme Update No. 1 Period covered: 01 January - 30 June 2002*

*Last Programme Update issued: 15 December 2001*

### **“At a Glance”**

*Appeal coverage: 46.3%*

*Related Appeals: Middle East regional programmes (01.54/2002)*

*Outstanding needs: CHF 770,058*

*Update: Donor support has been reasonable to the Federation’s appeal for its Lebanon country programme. Progress has been made in terms of reaching more vulnerable people as well as in developing the National Society into a more capable humanitarian organisation.*

### **Operational Developments:**

There were no in-country development during the period that directly affected the humanitarian context. The political and security situation is, however, tense because of the risk of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict spreading instability to Lebanon. The economic situation for Lebanon has improved, but not to the extent of benefitting the most vulnerable groups. The Lebanese Red Cross Society (LRCS) has delivered its services without interruptions during the reporting period. The National Society (NS) is steadily developing into a well functioning organisation.

### **Disaster Preparedness**

The aim of this programme, which has about 6.000 volunteers and 150 ambulances in Lebanon, is to be prepared for and be able to assist people who suffer a dramatic increase in their vulnerability due to sudden disaster, crisis or conflict.

Caused by late incoming support from donors (May/June 2002) the main focus in the reporting period was on closing the ambulance renewal project for 2001. (The project was previously listed under Health and Care). In

the reporting period LRCS has prepared delivery of five new and fully equipped VW ambulances that will focus on areas of acute needs. The branches that will receive ambulances have contributed 30 % of the total cost. The received support to the 2002 appeal consists of one ambulance from the American Red Cross, earmarked for the Marjayoun branch and two from the Norwegian Red Cross. An ICRC maintenance programme, co-ordinated with Federation support to DP, will keep the ambulances in action.

The Federation appeal has not been fully supported for the first aid training programme. LRCS will, however, receive support from ICRC covering approximately 50 % of the programme.

### ***Humanitarian Values***

The Country Delegation, with the support of bilateral projects between LRCS and the Norwegian Red Cross, has been focusing on humanitarian values through the youth and volunteers of LRCS. This has also been seen in the context of the organisational development program of LRCS, which is heavily supported by the Federation (see below).

The focus by the NS on humanitarian values through youth and volunteers has led to a general increase of community activities, leadership and communication training, preparations for summer camps and general humanitarian work in the local branches, such as activities for handicapped, performed by the youth clubs of the LRCS on a national level.

The programme is expected to contribute to supporting 60.000 beneficiaries and involve more than 6.000 youth during the year. By the end of April, the annual children's festival was arranged by the LRCS youth with more than 12.000 children visiting this event. The Federation was represented at a stand. The children were introduced to the Red Cross/Red Crescent principles, humanitarian activities, mine awareness and issues related to the LRCS and the Movement as a whole.

The Federation has provided only limited financial support in the reporting period, but mostly professional guidance to LRCS through the youth department. The financial support to the humanitarian values programme increased during July and August, traditionally an active period for youth and volunteers.

During the Red Cross month of May, the National Society launched a separate campaign under the motto "protecting human dignity".

### ***Health and Care***

#### ***Medical and social services:***

The main objective has been to assist LRCS to expand and further develop the medical and social services throughout Lebanon with an emphasis on community orientation through awareness, prevention and social action plus the sustainability of the services.

There has been no direct Federation involvement within the health activities due to the lack of support to the appeal. The country delegation has, however, supported participation by LRCS in regional and international events (conferences, workshops and meetings) related to medical and social development: psychological support, regional HIV/AIDS network and gender issues.

### ***Organisational and resource development***

The main objective of the organisational development programme has been to enhance the performance of the LRCS as a well functioning national society with increased and improved institutional capacity and performance of services provided to the most vulnerable in the country.

The programme has worked in progressing phases during the reporting period, where communication, evaluation and recommendation of change from 2000-2001, has been the basis for the various plans of actions that have

been drawn up, with the assistance of the Federation delegation. Although the process initially was seen as slow, the development performed in the reporting period has picked up pace through the NS' leadership, which shows progress towards institutional efficiency and improved communication within the Society. This is confirmed through the Society's declaration of vision and objectives delivered at the end of the reporting period with the publication of guidelines (10.000 copies) to all members and volunteers involved with LRCS.

The programme is guided by an organisational development plan of action 2002, which is nearly covered by donations in 2002, mainly from the Norwegian Red Cross and the UK's DFID.

The objectives of the appeal and the related activities are all progressing, with the exception of the long term development and fund raising plan that will be focusing on in the second half of 2002. The organisational development programme has, however, provided the LRCS with comprehensive tools and guidance for this purpose.

Key activities during the reporting period:

- The further development of the planning section in the LRCS headquarters (HQ).
- Financial and professional support to the legal department.
- Opening of full membership to all active individuals within LRCS according to the Statutes.
- Initial preparations for a general assembly.
- The establishment of a professional and computerised membership registration system thus securing a full overview of the legal base of the Society.
- Direct support towards workshops on branch and HQ level.
- Completion of the upgrading of the IT standards with 10 computer units added by basic training of HQ staff. An additional 10 computers will be procured and distributed to the branches later this year.
- Regular weekly visits to the HQ departments, local branches and facilities by HoD as part of the organisational development process.
- An update of the self assessment of the NS.
- Distribution of Federation information, policy and RC/RC dissemination material.
- Facilitating the youth exchange programme between the NS and the Norwegian Red Cross.
- The establishment of a permanent organisational development counterpart within the LRCS HQ.
- The co-ordination between the LRCS, Federation and ICRC is following well the harmonising process that took place in 2001 where the issues of elections and governance are in focus.

### ***Regional Co-operation***

The country delegation has participated in one regional meeting, general knowledge sharing and regional planning as part of the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region. The delegation has as such been an active asset to the regional team covering the MENA region.

The regional programme activity in Lebanon has developed during the reporting period, with two HIV/AIDS projects for youth and professional staff in LRCS. In addition, there has been regional support within organisational development and information.

NS staff have participated in MENA activities within gender (Teheran), disaster preparedness (Amman) HIV/AIDS (Damascus), psychological support programme (Amman) and basic training courses, BTC (Amman). One field officer participated in BTC in Norway in April.

The delegation in Amman has co-ordinated closely with the Amman-based French Red Cross' activities in Lebanon throughout the reporting period.

### ***Co-ordination and Management***

The main objective of the country delegation has been to contribute to the development of the capacities of LRCS and the PRCS branches in Lebanon and Syria. The delegation has as such been an instrument for

promotion, co-ordination of support, provision of professional guidance to the NS and participation in the regional MENA team activities through the regional delegation in Amman.

The main challenge has been to cover the core costs of the country delegation, with only one participating National Society (PNS), the Norwegian Red Cross giving substantial contribution. This situation has led the regional team to analyse alternatives to the Federation structure in Lebanon and a decision has been made to continue with a HoD, a project co-ordinator for ECHO and Health education with PRCS and a set minimum of local staff.

Key activities have been the planning, co-ordination and implementation of programmes, contacts and co-ordination with ICRC and other humanitarian organisations, plus the UN, EU and embassies.

A security assessment was performed in June by the Secretariat and the outcome was positive.

### ***Outstanding needs***

For the LRCS, the main outstanding needs are related to the development of the medical and social services. No contribution has been received to this part of the appeal, despite the potential and willingness of a reorientation towards community activities shown by the NS. There is also a potential for further support to the capacity building of the ambulance services with additional vehicles and support to first aid training. As for the country delegation, it is anticipated that renewed support is needed after 01. November 2002.

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<b>Lebanon</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.56/2002</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>			02.10.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>1'433'767</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 46.3%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				230'659		
AMERICAN - RC		44'400	USD	74'525	10.04.2002	AMBULANCE FOR LRCS BRANCH
NETHERLANDS - RC				589	30.08.2002	COSTS DELEGATE
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1'657'000	NOK	320'318	20.05.2002	DP, OD, H. VALUES, COORD. & MGT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				626'091	CHF	43.7%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			37'618		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				37'618	CHF	2.6%