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LEBANON: PALESTINE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY - LEBANON/SYRIA BRANCHES

Appeal No. 01.58/2002; Appeal target: CHF 3,200,735 (USD 2.14m/ EUR2.18m); Appeal coverage: 37%

Overall analysis of the programme w

There were no in-country developments in the period that directly affected the humanitarian situation of the targeted beneficiaries in Lebanon and Syria. The political and security situation is however tense due to the potential for a further escalation of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict that could spread to Lebanon. The economic situation for the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon is still difficult due to lack of full financial and material coverage from internal and external sources. The refugees are still affected negatively as a result of the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian communities in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) branches in Lebanon and Syria have, however, managed to deliver sufficient quality services to the refugee population on a regular basis due to the support from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other external sources. The negative prospects for the Lebanese economy do not make the situation better.

Disaster Response w

The main objective was to support the health care structures serving the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Syria with medicines and medical supplies. This is especially important for the refugees in Lebanon due to the limitations of access to income and services caused by the political situation in the country.

In Lebanon, 40 per cent of this appeal objective was reached through the implementation of the support from the European Commission's Humanitarian Office (ECHO) through the Netherlands Red Cross (NLRC), distributing medical supplies to five PRCS/Lebanon hospitals and nine health centres serving the refugee camps throughout the country (for further details, please contact NLRC for the ECHO report).

This was implemented through the seventh ECHO project that ended 31 January and the launch of the eighth support project from ECHO/Netherlands RC that started 1 June and ended 30 November 2002. Each project has an approximate budget for medical supplies of US\$ 260,000 plus delegate costs. This constitutes approximately 30-40 per cent of the total consumption of medical supplies within the PRCS/Lebanon organizations.

Also, there was a grant of US\$ 35,000 for medical supplies from the Swedish Red Cross and a grant of US\$ 10,000 received for medical equipment in the reporting period. Besides these grants, there was no other support received for this appeal programme of the PRCS/Lebanon and no support for the branch covering the Palestinian refugees in Syria.

Humanitarian Values w

Humanitarian values contains a separate programme for youth first aid voluntary training that was not launched due to the International Federation's internal reorganization.

The first aid voluntary project, based on cooperation between the LRCS and PRCS/Lebanon, has a minor budget intended to be a starter for further expansion through appeal support in 2003. The programme's goal is aimed at training first aid trainers who will continue the community-based first aid training throughout the refugee communities in Lebanon. The project will then be integrated into the health education project with a separate strategy within humanitarian values for the next appeal period. The programme will fulfil several objectives such as mobilizing youth, enhancing disaster preparedness, develop cooperation between the two National Societies (Nss), and integrating humanitarian values with the first aid training.

Health and Care w

Rehabilitation of health facilities

One main objective for 2002 was to finalize the support to rehabilitation and reorientation of the service lay out in the five hospitals and nine health clinics run by PRCS Lebanon. The main components of this objective were planned and prioritized during the reporting period and the rehabilitation of the air conditioning and training centre of the Hamshari hospital in Saida (main referral hospital) was finalized. The refurbishing of at least two or three health centres is planned for the second half of 2002. The remaining health centres will not be supported in 2002, but given priority in 2003.

The work at the Hamshari hospital was completed. The site of deficiencies at Hasmieh was rehabilitated as well as at the Baalbek clinical centre.

The support so far is not sufficient, covering only 25-30 per cent of the needs. The organizations will however still be able to provide quality services despite the lack of support to the mentioned objectives.

Health Education

During the last four years the PRCS/L implemented a reconstruction plan for its hospitals and primary health care centres that rehabilitated the buildings and provided new equipment and medical supplies. The improvement made in equipment and facilities is considered adequate, though the human resource performance and level within preventive health care needs upgrading and development.

During 2000 the PRCS/L conducted a study, sponsored by the Federation and the Lebanese delegation, on Palestinian refugee health needs in Lebanon. One conclusion was to provide a well-planned and organized health education programme.

The conclusion of the PRCS/L was subsequently to give priority to health education within the context of the Federation's appeal 2002/2003. This was supported through the Netherlands Red Cross with a three-year programme that was launched in January 2002.

Through support from the Netherlands Red Cross, an 18-month health education programme was implemented since the beginning of 2002. (See report with NLRC).

Organizational Development w

The PRCS/Lebanon in cooperation with the Federation launched a comprehensive four-year training programme through the appeal in 2000. This is ongoing and continues in a smooth and successful manner.

Within the reporting period nine of the 13 training courses were implemented with a total number of 225 participants. The programme covered subjects such as management of medical services, quality assurance for health personnel, research in the health sector, occupational health and safety, and patient and family education. The training courses included participants such as medical doctors, nurses and paramedic professionals from all Palestinian communities in Lebanon, and some 300 members participated from the PRCS in Syria.

The Norwegian and Swedish Red Cross Societies, ECHO and the American Embassy in Lebanon responded to the appeal.

Regional Cooperation w

The country delegation has participated in three regional meetings, general knowledge sharing and regional planning as part of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The delegation was an asset to the regional team that is covering the MENA region.

The activities of the regional programme in Lebanon witnessed a positive development in the reporting period, with two HIV/AIDS projects for youth and professional staff in PRCS/Lebanon. The staff members of the PRCS participated in MENA activities on HIV/AIDS (in Damascus), a psychological support programme and a basic training course (in Amman).

The delegation in Beirut coordinated with the Amman-based activities of the French Red Cross in Lebanon throughout the reporting period.

Coordination and Management w

The main objective of the country delegation was to contribute to the development of the capacities of the LRCS and the PRCS branches in Lebanon and Syria. The delegation facilitated the promotion, coordination of support, provision of professional guidance to the NS and participation in the regional MENA team's activities through the regional delegation in Amman.

The main challenge was to cover the core costs of the country delegation, with only two participating National Societies (PNSs), the Norwegian and the French Red Cross Societies. This situation has led the regional team to analyze alternatives to the Federation's structure in Lebanon for the future. A decision was made to continue with the head of delegation, a project coordinator for ECHO and health education of the PRCS/L and a minimum of local staff members.

Key activities included the planning, coordination and implementation of programmes, contacts and coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other humanitarian organizations, plus the United Nations, European Union and embassies. A security assessment was performed in June by the Secretariat and the outcome was positive.

Conclusions w

The main outstanding needs of the PRCS/Lebanon branch are related to the disaster response component of the appeal, i.e. support for medical supplies to hospitals and clinics. This is the main activity performed by the PRCS in Lebanon and is crucial to the refugee population. The PRCS/L has an agreement with United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) that covers nearly 50 per cent of the hospital beds, which gives a predictable income but without any surplus. A reduction in support for medical supplies may endanger the agreement with UNRWA as well as the health and social

standards of the refugee population. This is a sensitive area of the activities of the PRCS/L, with no margins or reserves from UNRWA, the National Society itself or the Lebanese and international community.

The lack of support to PRCS Syria can be handled on a short-term basis, since the refugee population there has access to the health services provided by the Syrian authorities.

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Period: year 2002
Project(s): PLB023, 302, 423, 424, 425
Currency: CHF

I - CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL

FUNDING	CASH		KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL INCOME
	Contributions	Comments	Goods/Services	Personnel	
Appeal budget	3,200,735				
less Cash brought forward					
TOTAL ASSISTANCE SOUGHT	3,200,735				
Contributions from Donors					
American Government (DGUS)	16,458				16,458
ECHO - Medical Supplies (DELB01)	278,065				278,065
Netherlands Red Cross (DNNL)	67,811				67,811
Norwegian Govt.via Norcross Grant No (DGNN01)	13,113				13,113
Norwegian Govt.via Norwegian Red Cro (DGNN02)	22,264				22,264
Norwegian Govt.via Norwegian Red Cro (DGNN0)	340,647				340,647
Norwegian Red Cross # 1 (DNNO01)	1,457				1,457
Norwegian Red Cross # 2 (DNNO02)	2,474				2,474
Norwegian Red Cross (DNNO)	37,850				37,850
Swedish Red Cross (DNSE)	75,905				75,905
Netherlands				28,747	28,747
TOTAL	856,044			28,747	884,791

II - Balance of funds

OPENING	
CASH INCOME Rcv'd	856,044
CASH EXPENDITURE	-824,293

CASH BALANCE	31,751

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III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures

Description	APPEAL Budget	CASH Expenditures	KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL Expenditures	Variance
			Goods/services	Personnel		
<u>SUPPLIES</u>						
Shelter & Construction	520,000	68,288			68,288	451,712
Clothing & Textiles						
Food & Seeds						
Water & sanitation						
Medical & First Aid	1,000,000	446,356			446,356	553,644
Teaching materials						
Utensils & Tools						
Other relief supplies						
Sub-Total	1,520,000	514,644			514,644	1,005,356
<u>CAPITAL EXPENSES</u>						
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles						
Computers & Telecom equip.		1,499			1,499	-1,499
Medical equipment	270,000					270,000
Other capital expenditures		9,984			9,984	-9,984
Sub-Total	270,000	11,483			11,483	258,517
<u>TRANSPORT & STORAGE</u>						
	68,085	15,047			15,047	53,038
Sub-Total	68,085	15,047			15,047	53,038
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
Personnel (delegates)	134,662	33,195		28,747	61,942	72,720
Personnel (national staff)	324,532	23,514			23,514	301,018
Sub-Total	459,194	56,709		28,747	85,456	373,738
<u>GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION</u>						
Assessment/Monitoring/experts		272			272	-272
Travel & related expenses	3,487	2,004			2,004	1,483
Information expenses	21,162	7,994			7,994	13,168
Admin./general expenses	174,935	22,286			22,286	152,649
External workshops & Seminars	331,792	133,410			133,410	198,382
Sub-Total	531,376	165,965			165,965	365,411
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>						
Programme management	215,826	37,048			37,048	178,778
Technical services	64,607	11,092			11,092	53,515
Professional services	71,648	12,305			12,305	59,344
Sub-Total	352,081	60,445			60,445	291,636
Operational provisions						
Transfers to National Societies						
TOTAL BUDGET	3,200,735	824,293		28,747	853,040	2,347,695