

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

ETHIOPIA

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 34%; please refer to the attached Contributions List for this appeal, also available on the Federation's website at http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap010503.pdf.

Outstanding needs: CHF 620,757

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Ethiopia - Improving Food Security (Emergency Appeal 28/02)

Programme Summary: Contributions to the Appeal, mainly by the Swedish, Danish, American and British Red Cross Societies are covering costs for organisational development, Federation coordination and international representation. Activities regarding health and care as well as disaster management are equally implemented, but mainly within the framework of the current drought emergency programme as there have been not enough contributions so far to cover expenses for water and sanitation and training programmes planned for. The impact of the programme is therefore also linked to the food security operation, serving 130,000 beneficiaries with relief as well as health and water/sanitation activities. At the same time, relevant ERCS HQ departments and branches profit from the programmes in their planning and implementation skills.

Operational developments

Most of the activities outlined in the appeal are implemented, but particularly those with long-term goals need further time to be achieved. Activities for health and care as well as disaster management are mostly pursued within the framework of the current drought operation. However, in addition to this, a partnership meeting was held in March 2003. As a result of this meeting, working groups have been formed to prepare consultancies for a review of the ERCS human resources and reporting systems. The CAS is to be finalised within the next weeks.

Health and Care

Goal: The health of and care for vulnerable households and communities - including those affected by conflict, epidemics (inclusive of HIV), and disasters - is improved.

Objective:

The Federation facilitates the development of the National Society's capacity in community-based health and care programming, including through HIV/AIDS and water and sanitation activities.

Progress/Achievements

1. Households and communities are able to reduce their vulnerability to communicable diseases, epidemics, accidents/injuries and to care for their people in partnership with stakeholders.

- Health and care interventions are integrated, prioritised and focused on the basis of vulnerability.
- The health department is structured and well functioning.
- The leadership of Ethiopia Red Cross has regularly spoken out with and on behalf of vulnerable communities to mobilize existing capacities and to influence decision makers.
- The National Society has useful partnerships with local, national and international agents involved in health issues.
- The National Society's home-based care project for people living with HIV/AIDS is expanded to reach more than an additional 250 PLWHA, provided training to more than 150 family members of PLWHA on basic home care and support including involvement of 130 RC volunteers in the training
- The peer education programme has reached an additional 5,000 young people who participated in trainings.
- The development of an HIV/AIDS workplace policy and educational programme for staff and volunteers of Ethiopia Red Cross is in progress.

2. Provision of sustainable water and sanitation services by supporting interventions in partnership with beneficiary communities and other stakeholders.

- PHAST methodology is adopted country-wide.
- The role of the National Society water and sanitation team has been expanded, particularly with regards to the water and sanitation component of the current drought operation.
- The National Society has taken a stronger lead in the coordination of its water and sanitation partners.
- The National Society is well represented in the water and sanitation coordination bodies of the government/other agencies.
- Increased water and sanitation coverage due to increased resource mobilisation and project expansion.

Impact

The ERCS through sensitization and awareness creation for the general public has spoken out on behalf of the vulnerable population, e.g PLWHA. Direct beneficiaries of the health and care component were those targeted in the different relief programmes of the ERCS and movement. Particular emphasis has been put on community-level health and sanitation education and water and sanitation coverage in three woredas.

Constraints

Many of the planned activities have a long-term focus, e.g. the long-term water and sanitation strategy of the National Society is not yet established. Therefore activities are on-going, but not all results could be achieved.

Disaster Management

Goal: Implementation of characteristics of a well-prepared national society has improved Ethiopia Red Cross in three key areas, namely, know-how, capacity and performance.

Objective: Secretariat assistance to Ethiopia Red Cross has increased the National Society's disaster response capacity to meet the humanitarian needs in the country.

Progress/Achievements

The capacity of Ethiopia Red Cross to respond more effectively and rapidly to emergency situations affecting vulnerable populations, communities and implement risk reduction activities is strengthened.

- Ethiopia Red Cross Disaster Preparedness at national and branch level is developed and strengthened through familiarising/training staff and volunteers with the DP policy and Operational Manual.
- The capacity of the National Society to collect early warning information and its involvement in need assessments is enhanced

- The experience and expertise of Ethiopia Red Cross in the design and implementation of food security programmes is enhanced.

These three results have been achieved with regards to the on-going drought emergency programmes implemented by the Red Cross movement.

Impact

A total of over 800,000 beneficiaries has benefited from the different programmes implemented by the Red Cross movement in response to the current drought emergency.

Constraints

Achievements in the planned disaster management activities are mainly related to the on-going programmes. The country-wide Disaster Preparedness policy will still have to be strengthened further.

Organisational Development

Goal: Implementation of characteristics of a well-functioning national society has improved Ethiopia Red Cross in the three key areas: foundation, capacity and performance.

Objective: With Secretariat support Ethiopia Red Cross has strengthened its headquarters and branches, decentralised its structures and built a greater degree of self-reliance.

Progress/Achievements

Ethiopia Red Cross has increased its capacity to manage and implement focused and responsive programmes.

- Capacities in human resource management are reinforced and a gender sensitive approach applied throughout branches and at the headquarters.
- A branch development manual is finalised and applied, and the branches are managing and implementing programmes effectively.
- Volunteer involvement in activities is based on a clearly defined policy for volunteer management, training and development.
- A financial procedures manual is finalised.
- A management and information reporting system is established and functioning.

Impact

Not yet applicable.

Constraints

All above mentioned activities have been begun, but could not be finalized yet. The capacities in human resources management for instance are part of the on-going discussion of the human resources system of the National Society.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: Red Cross and Red Crescent Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values are known and respected throughout Ethiopia and, as a result, discrimination against vulnerable groups is reduced.

Objective: The Federation Secretariat supports Ethiopia Red Cross by increasing its capacity to promote Red Cross and Red Crescent Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values.

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

- The National Society has positively advocated, assisted and protected the most vulnerable - i.e. people living with HIV/AIDS, people affected by disaster, people lacking access to basic health and water and sanitation services - through influencing behaviour in the community (governments, donors, private sector and other members of the civil society).

- A strengthened and empowered Ethiopia Red Cross information department is actively advocating the activities of the ERCS on behalf of the most vulnerable.
- Through its programmes in health, water and sanitation and disaster management, the National Society actively advocates on the rights and needs of communities.

Impact

The ERCS is reaching an important number of the Ethiopian population within the framework of its advocacy work. The

Constraints

No major constraints were encountered.

Federation Coordination

Goal: To build capacity and empower Ethiopia Red Cross to achieve its mandate through better partnerships.

Objective: Ethiopia Red Cross' integrated capacity building planning and implementation skills are ensured by the Federation through participatory facilitation.

Progress/Achievements

Federation coordination and support mechanisms through an agreed CAS have increased the impact of Movement support to the National Society. Federation Secretariat presence in Ethiopia is completely integrated into the National Society structure.

- Cooperation Assistance Strategy for the National Society is not yet finalised, but will be expected to be finalised in July 2003.
- A partnership meeting has been organised in March 2003, allowing the National Society to report on its activities, present its future programmes and fund raise for them. As a follow-up of the meeting, two working groups have been formed to initiate surveys on the ERCS reporting and HR systems.
- Ethiopia Red Cross plays an active role in the RC-NET.

Impact

Not yet applicable.

Constraints

Due to the on-going drought operation, some activities were delayed as capacities were tied up in the running of the drought programmes. However, the CAS is to be finalised soon and consultancies on HR and reporting systems are expected to present results within the second half of 2003.

International Representation

Goal: The Federation has a high profile as a key humanitarian actor and advocate in the region with the added advantage of a network of national societies able to deliver services at community level.

Objective: The Federation is an effective and reliable partner in support of Ethiopia Red Cross and in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable.

Progress/Achievements

The International Federation is recognised as a competent partner among international and national NGOs operating in Ethiopia, the AU, the national government, diplomatic missions and domestic donors.

- The policies and strategies of the Federation are well recognised amongst all stakeholders in the humanitarian field in Ethiopia.
- The Federation is well represented and actively participating in the international arena.

- The Federation Representative maintains an active information exchange on humanitarian and security issues with diplomatic missions in Ethiopia.
- The Secretariat's Regional Delegation promotes and supports an active participation of Ethiopia Red Cross in regional and international networks of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

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All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

26.06.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

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REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'005'567		34.0%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				61'934		
AMERICAN - RC		100'000	USD	135'950	05.05.03	
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				68'000	24.02.03	DISASTER MANAGEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		100'000	SEK	16'000	07.04.03	AND IN ADDITION FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				281'884	CHF	28.0%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			59'959		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				59'959	CHF	6.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	