

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 180 countries. For more information: www.ifrc.org

In Brief

Appeal coverage: 46.8% See the attached Contributions List or the Federation's website at: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap010603.pdf

Outstanding needs: CHF 112,175

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Floods (Emergency appeal 12/2003)

Programme Summary: Upon request from Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), the Federation launched an appeal for 2003-04 with the main emphasis on Organisational Development and support to coordination. However, the global Federation agreement with Nestlé provides support to two African countries in 2003-2004 for HIV/AIDS activities of which Kenya is one and Nigeria the other. The section under Health and care relates to this program support, which is outside the annual appeal. The Nairobi Regional Delegation provides advisory technical support to the areas for water and sanitation, disaster management and humanitarian values, whereas activities implemented are supported bi-laterally. Funding constraints have prevented the expected number of planned activities from being implemented.

Operational Developments

In May, the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), in addition to its planned programming, responded to excessive flooding. Upon the Society's request, the Federation launched an international Emergency Appeal (12/03) for CHF 846,000 to assist some 60,000 persons. The Government of Kenya appointed the KRCS as lead agency for the distribution of all non-food items, and the Society co-chaired the national Disaster Committee, which draws its members from relevant Government departments, UN bodies, and National and international organisations.

The Kenya Red Cross Society is a partner in the Federation initiated cooperation with Nestlé, by which HIV/AIDS planned programme activities for 2003 are supported by Nestlé for CHF 600,000.

Organisational Development

Goal: To establish a well functioning society with the capacity to effectively implement its mandate in a timely manner.

Objective: Secretariat support has helped Kenya Red Cross decentralise, improve governance at all levels, and improve volunteer management and resource mobilisation.

Progress

Following the national society's Annual General Meeting in 2002 in which a new Board was elected, governance training has been conducted for a total of 78 branch officials from 35 branches. The majority of branches have carried out their annual general meetings and elections in line with the revised constitution. Upon invitation from the Board, the Head of the Sub Regional Office for East Africa presented the Federation Change Process and its implications at the field.

The national societies from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia are involved in an on-going twinning agreement with Swedish Red Cross as a tool for branch development, and it is envisaged that more branches will participate in programme in 2003. With assistance from the Swedish Red Cross, KRCS has engaged two national consultants from Nairobi University to assist it with developing a volunteer policy.

Following the installation of the computerised financial system, a financial procedural manual has been developed including reporting requirements and processes from branches to headquarter.

National fundraising was revived in 2001, and a yearly dinner and golf tournament is one of the events in the social calendar for Nairobi. The event has raised a substantial sum of funds, and has gained support from the diplomatic community, the corporate sector, and the UN. The 2002 annual report published in May 2003 mentions 77 corporate supporters for the year 2002, who also provided substantial support either in cash or in-kind in response to the severe flooding in May 2003.

The issue of institutional support to cover core and administration cost was discussed extensively during the partnership meeting. Partners attending the meeting expressed their commitment and understanding for the need to include a certain percentage in budgets for technical programme, and the Memo of Understanding being used by the Uganda Red Cross Society was endorsed, and is being applied by most of the Partners to regulate their responsibilities and to clarify which services are to be included in the institutional support cost.

Impact

The Kenya Red Cross Society is a respected humanitarian partner and draws support from private, governmental, national and international humanitarian partners operating in Kenya. The Society has achieved improved governance at all levels, improved branch reporting system, and increased the percentage of national resource mobilisation.

Constraints

Inadequate human resources in the organisational development department continues to pose a challenge.

Health and care

Goal: While improving the overall health through it's programming in targeted communities, the capacity of the Kenya Red Cross in health is strengthened.

Objective: The Secretariat supports the National Society capacity to implement community based health care programs, including HIV/AIDS and water and sanitation programming, thereby improving the general health situation in targeted communities and increasing the communities' coping capacity

Progress

With the assistance of the Regional HIV/AIDS Advisor and the funding from Nestlé, one of its corporate partners, KRCS has been able to expand its activities in HIV/AIDS. Its home-based and community care programme for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) has been expanded to reach 1,000 clients, while the youth peer education

programme has been scaled up to reach 35,000 youth in and out-of-school, and to equip them with safe sex skills. Nine branches were identified to start implementation of peer education programmes and consideration was given to branches with high prevalence rates and those already implementing HIV/AIDS programs with minimum resources during their selection. Preparations are underway to facilitate phasing in of the projects.

Implementation of the HIV/AIDS workplace programme is on schedule, and a draft workplace policy has been prepared and circulated for comments before ratification. A governance sensitisation workshop was held in May for 120 representatives from the 53 branches countrywide. Ten KRCS staff and volunteers have also received training on peer education at the Regional Delegation as a first step towards initiating the HIV/AIDS workplace programme.

KRCS participates in existing country coordination mechanisms (National Aids Control Council, Ministry of Health, Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, etc.) and has developed new partnerships with PLWHA associations.

The recruitment of a water and sanitation (WatSan) Coordinator has contributed in strengthening the National Society's capacity in the area of water and sanitation. The position is being funded bilaterally, so the funds allocated in the Federation appeal budget are now being allocated towards the implementation of activities instead. The Regional WatSan team is assisting KRCS in developing a national water and sanitation strategy and the first draft is expected during the third quarter of 2003.

Twenty Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) teams, responsible for hygiene promotion within the community, have been established. PHAST training was conducted as part of the planned project activities in the Machakos Integrated Food Security Project, in collaboration with the Regional Disaster Preparedness and Response department. Initial participatory needs assessments have been carried out in two semi-arid districts of Kerio Valley and Kajiado. A 2-year project proposal has been developed for Kajiado jointly with the Regional delegation, and circulated to potential partners for funding.

KRCS celebrated the World Water Day together with the Regional delegation, which included a health and hygiene education training and community mobilisation on WatSan activities.

Impact

The capacity of Kenya Red Cross to fundraise, manage, implement, monitor, and evaluate its HIV/AIDS programme has been strengthened.

Constraints

The main funding from Nestlé was received in June thus hampering the implementation of some of the planned activities. Transfer of funds for WatSan activities were made available in second quarter of 2003 due to low donor response. However, the activities that required minimum financial input were carried out together with other programmes. KRCS was also able to pre-finance some of the activities with its own core funds

It was envisaged that two additional HIV/AIDS programme officers would be recruited during the period but the delayed release of funds has forced this to be postponed to July, which has meant additional workload for the existing personnel in the first half year.

Disaster Management

Goal: Implementation of characteristics of a well-prepared national society has improved the KRCS in three key areas, namely: Know-how, capacity and performance

Objective: Support from the Secretariat has strengthened the capacity of the Kenya Red Cross Society to respond more effectively and rapidly to emergency situations affecting vulnerable populations, communities, and to implement risk reduction activities

Progress

The capacity of the Disaster Management department has been strengthened following the recruitment of three key personnel. Three KRCS staff also took part in the Regional Disaster Response Team training in Ethiopia in April 2003, thereby increasing the rapid response capacity of the national society.

An initial assessment of the Lake Victoria basin was conducted in May under the Lake Victoria Initiative being funded by CIDA through the Swedish Red Cross with a view of developing a 10 year project which encompasses the three national societies of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

KRCS has embarked on improving its national communication network by installing VHF/HF radio systems at the headquarters, in all vehicles and strategic branches which when completed will greatly improve the coordination of its disaster response. Emergency response teams have also been established along the Mombasa highway as a way of enhancing its response mechanism for the accident-prone highway.

The National Society is currently managing the floods disaster operation for a target population of 60,000 people for which the Federation launched an emergency appeal in May 2003 covering a part of the overall Government of Kenya appeal. Kenya Red Cross has been nominated the lead Agency by the Government of Kenya for the coordination and distribution of all non-food items assisting the flood victims.

Impact

Kenya Red Cross has strengthened the capacities to respond more effectively and rapidly to emergency situations drawing upon the expertise from the Regional Delegation in Nairobi.

Constraints

The beginning of the flood emergency operation suffered from a lack of adequate human resources as the Director of the Disaster Preparedness department was on a Federation mission at that time. The challenge now is to develop the capacities of the Disaster Preparedness and Response department with the newly recruited staff to respond in a timely and adequate manner in emergency situations.

Humanitarian values

Goal: Red Cross and Red Crescent fundamental principles and values are known and respected throughout Kenya and, as a result, discrimination against vulnerable groups is reduced.

Objective: The Federation Secretariat support Kenya Red Cross by increasing its capacity to promote Red Cross and Red Crescent fundamental principles and values.

Progress

The recruitment of a Public Relations officer as the main focal point for the national society shows a commitment to creating a better understanding of the Red Cross/Red Crescent principles and the work of the KRCS.

The department was closely involved in the celebrations of the World Red Cross Day whose theme was 'Fighting Stigma and Discrimination associated with HIV and AIDS'.

The HIV/AIDS department in collaboration with the information department organised several activities, which included a mass media campaigns, which involved interviews with national radio stations, newspaper supplements, and talk shows on national television. The National Society also held a processional walk in which more than 50 KRCS volunteers were joined by volunteers from the Kenya Girl Guide Association through the city street before speeches were made by various guests including the City Mayor, the Second Governor, KRCS Secretary General,

and representatives from Swedish Red Cross among others. A volunteer from Mombasa Branch who is living with HIV/AIDS shared her personal experience at the occasion.

The recent emergency flood operation has received wide coverage in the local media with support from the Regional Delegation information department, and international press releases and articles for the Federation website produced.

Impact

There has been an enhanced image and recognition of the National Society's activities within the community.

Constraint

Low funding of the Federation appeal has until now hindered some of the planned activities.

Federation Coordination

Goal: To build capacity and empower the Kenya Red Cross Society to achieve its mandate through better partnership

Objective: The Federation Secretariat assists the National Society in an advisory function while the National Society leads its own development process toward a strong national society with sufficient resources and capacities to be a recognised partner in civil society.

Progress

The Sub-Regional Office for East Africa commenced operations in January 2003 and covers Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda.

Kenya Red Cross Society had its first partnership meeting in October 2002 in which the Strategic Development Plan was presented. A Cooperation Agreement Strategy has also developed but will be revised to conform to the new guidelines.

The newly recruited Secretary General and the Governor of the Board undertook introductory missions to the Secretariat in May, followed by an invitation from the Scandinavian sister societies who traditionally have conducted substantial bilaterally supported programmes in Kenya, and who also support the Federation initiatives in organisational development and coordination.

Kenya Red Cross Society is chairing the health sub-committee under the RC-NET and has actively contributed to a revival of this committee.

KRCS hosted a Regional Youth Camp in December 2002 where representative from the national societies from Seychelles, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan and Norway participated. KRCS is a member of an alliance of six organisations working with youth which include: Kenya Girl Guides, Kenya Scouts, Kenya Presidents Award, Young Women Christian Association and Young Men Christian Association. During the reporting period, KRCS took part in organising a workshop for youth to ensure their involvement in the design of a proposal for titled "Enhancing Youth Driven HIV and AIDS interventions in Kenya." It is also a partner in the Lake Victoria Initiative being supported by the Swedish Red Cross.

The KRCS Director of Disaster Department was seconded by the Federation to undertake a mission in relation with the humanitarian crisis following the Iraq war.

The first East Africa regional senior management meeting between the Secretary Generals from the national societies from Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda was held in Nairobi in May 2003 facilitated by the Head of the Sub

Regional Office for East Africa (HSO). The meeting was to address common issues and concerns, harmonise efforts and draw upon others' experiences.

The Head of the Sub Regional Office and technical delegates from the Regional Delegation provide regular coaching to the senior management team of Kenya Red Cross Society and support in coordinating the expertise of bilateral delegates, the ICRC, partner societies and local consultants.

Impact

Kenya Red Cross Society is a recognised partner locally, in the region and internationally.

Constraints

Kenya Red Cross Society is in a rebuilding phase after a series of difficult years. Expansion of activities is substantial with a more than 100% increase in income from 2001 to 2002. Such an expansion requires an increased coordination mechanism and a dynamic team. The society has met the challenges despite being stretched with all the new activities.

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 Kenya Red Cross Society and in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable.

Progress

Due to its proximity, the Regional Delegation in Nairobi is supporting this activity especially in the field of HIV/AIDS anti-stigma campaign, ARCHI 2010 and the presentation of the World Disaster report.

The Regional Disaster Preparedness department has supported KRCS with its national Disaster Preparedness contingency planning, and is also actively supporting it in the planning, implementation and reporting on the recent flood operation.

Impact

Strategic international initiatives of the Federation have been systematically disseminated by the national society to the Kenyan public. Kenya Red Cross has received acknowledgement as a major actor on the humanitarian scene.

Constraints

Due to time constraints, the international representation carried out by the Head of Sub Regional Office for East Africa in Kenya has been less than planned.

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APPEAL No. 01.06/2003

PLEDGES RECEIVED

10.07.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				211'021		46.8%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				0		
CYPRUS - RC				344	24.01.2003	
DANISH - RC				53'475	07.03.03	REGIONAL DELEGATION
SWEDISH - GOVT		200'000	SEK	33'200	23.06.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				87'019	CHF	41.2%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DENMARK	DELEGATE(S)			11'827		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				11'827	CHF	5.6%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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