

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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Federación Internacional de Sociedades de la Cruz Roja y de la Media Luna Roja
الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

MADAGASCAR

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Appeal no. 01.07/2003; Appeal target: CHF 140,124

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 76.6%; See the attached Contributions List or the Federation's website at: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap010703.pdf

Outstanding needs: CHF 32,794

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: None

Programme Summary: The Appeal for Madagascar includes programmes in the area of Health and Care and Organisational Development. Work regarding Governance and Management within the Malagasy Red Cross Society prevailed during the first half of the year, resulting in a delay with implementing a number of planned activities. The National Society, however, was able to implement small scale cyclone/flood relief projects, supported by the French Red Cross, and collaborated with partners, in drawing up a HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan.

Health and care

Goal: The capacity of the Malagasy Red Cross Health Programme delivery is strengthened.

Objective: A sustainable impact upon targeted communities' general health is achieved through community-based health programming focusing on HIV/AIDS and water and sanitation.

Progress

There is increasing collaboration between the Malagasy Red Cross Society (MRCS) and the Ministry of Health in which Red Cross volunteers have been involved in health education and distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets (ITNs) to the communities. The MRCS is currently selling ITNs at some branches on a revolving fund basis, and has a plan to create ten centres in six months where MRCS staff and volunteers will issue ITNs and conduct health education on malaria prevention. Twenty more centres should be established by 2004. Each branch will draw up their plan of action for the interventions, which is expected to give the branches greater visibility and credibility and reinforce their capacities for implementing sustainable activities. A draft proposal for the project has been prepared and will be submitted to potential partners for funding. This project will also contribute to the Role Back Malaria initiative.

With support from the Regional delegation, Malagasy Red Cross held a two day HIV/AIDS strategic planning workshop for the Society's Governance and the branches in partnership with UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO,

and the Government at which the national society presented its draft HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan. Blood donor recruitment is also ongoing

Impact

There has been reduced morbidity and mortality through the social mobilization activities of the volunteers who also distribute treatment kits that contain Chloroquine chemotherapy for early treatment of malaria.

Following the presentation of its draft HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan to partners, UNAIDS supported the Malagasy Red Cross to partner with the Government in applying to the global fund on TB, HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

Constraints

There is limited capacity at the local branches to manage the revolving fund. There is also very limited capacity at headquarters to move the HIV/AIDS strategic planning process further, and the national society will have to recruit an HIV and AIDS coordinator if the plan is to be implemented.

Organizational Development

Goal: The Malagasy Red Cross is recognised as a well-functioning national society, which provides effective programme delivery to vulnerable groups.

Objective: The Federation's Governance and Management Policies are applied effectively in the Malagasy Red Cross and programmes are implemented effectively and independently of governance.

Progress

The 2003 Action Plan and Budget was not finalised during the reporting period. The National Society's governance needs to work on distinguishing between the roles and responsibilities of governance and management. Both ICRC and the International Federation are awaiting a clear 2003 Action Plan and Budget from the National Society. French Red Cross, the only bi-lateral donor, will maintain its support to existing programmes.

The National Society's Treasurer made some progress with designing the Financial Procedure Manual.

The final version of the revised National Society Statutes is almost ready for submission to the Movement's Joint Commission.

Impact

Setbacks over the reporting period with the National Society's governance and management slowed down the national society's progress in meeting the Appeal's objectives.

Constraints

It is important to monitor how the national society manages to function during the "transition period", of which the duration is undefined. It is hoped that the implementation of the points under Action 3 of the Strategy for the Movement, an update of which is to be presented at the forthcoming Statutory meetings, will provide a framework setting out clear steps and mechanisms to be applied by the National Society.

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APPEAL No. 01.07/2003

PLEDGES RECEIVED

09.07.2003

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CASH

| | | | | TOTAL COVERAGE | |
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| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> | | | | 140'124 | 76.6% |
| CASH CARRIED FORWARD | | | | 37'330 | |
| CAPACITY BUILDING FUND ALLOCATION | | | | 70'000 | 30.04.2003 PMG003 |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH | | | | 107'330 | CHF 76.6% |

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

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| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES | | | | 0 | CHF | 0.0% |

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
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