

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

MADAGASCAR

02 December 2003

Appeal no. 01.07/2003

Appeal target: CHF 140,124 (USD 95,017 or EUR 95,142)

Programme Update No. 2;

Period covered July to November 2003

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 77%; [Click here to go to the attached Contributions List](#), or refer to the Federation's website.

Outstanding needs: CHF 32,794 (USD 24,600 or EUR 21,100). See Footnote ¹ below.

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Eastern Africa regional programmes (Annual Appeal no. 01.13/2003)

Programme Summary: This Appeal includes programmes in the area of Health and Care and Organizational Development. No new Secretary General was appointed during the reporting period. The management of the **Malagasy Red Cross Society** has continued to be the responsibility of a volunteer who is not a member of the governing board. Various systems and procedures regarding accounting and reporting were drafted. The final version of the national society's 2003 plan of action was presented in July. The main activities during the reporting period were the completion of a post cyclone operation in Vatromandry, supported by the French Red Cross and the design of a detailed Strategic Plan in the area of Health.

Operational developments

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/Achievements

Very little progress was made in achieving the above objective during the second half of the year. Funding was provided to the Malagasy Red Cross to support some of its HIV/AIDS anti-stigma activities, during the national society's 40th anniversary and on World Aids Day. So far neither a report of how this money was spent nor

¹ Funding of CHF 78,754 requested for an integrated health care project was not received. The 2004 Annual Appeal (no. 01.09/2004 – Indian Ocean sub-regional programmes) also reflects a similar provision for this project.

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samples of materials produced have been sent to the Health and Care Department at the Delegation. The budget to accompany the national society HIV/AIDS action plan has still not been finalized.

This 2003 Appeal provided for an integrated health project (WatSan, HIV/AIDS and Health); however, no funding was received. The 2004 Appeal has made a provision for the same project.

Organizational Development

Goal: The Malagasy Red Cross is recognized 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 distinction between governance and management responsibilities are still not clearly defined due to the fact that no formal appointment of a Secretary General has been made. While the volunteer assuring the Secretariat of the national society is very committed and has drafted up new procedures in a number of areas, he is relatively new to the organization. This means that governance tends to continue to take on responsibilities which would normally be management functions. A national Disaster Coordinator and eight provincial coordinators were appointed with support of the French Red Cross. The six co-ordinators will allow branches to function a little more autonomously and prevent over-reliance on support from headquarters, which because of distance and a lack of human resource capacity is unable to provide sufficient support to branches. The operational cost of the national and provincial co-ordinator is being funded by both the ICRC and the Federation from December 2003 onwards.

The national society presented the final draft of its revised Statutes to the Movement's Joint Commission in October.

Impact

While the governance and management problems have not been resolved there seems to be less tension since the appointment of a volunteer to take responsibility for the administration of the national society. The majority of the provincial branches are quite active in their communities in responding to various national disasters and health needs. The joint Movement approach to strengthening branch structures is a positive step and should give them sufficient autonomy to carry out their duties without delays sometimes imposed by conflict at a central level

Constraints

It is still unclear how long the 'transition phase' under the direction of a volunteer administrator will last. The draft Statutes presented to the Movement's Joint Commission, make provision for a Secretary General. It will be important to ensure that a system is put in place to monitor the application of the new Statutes, once they are approved.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

03/12/2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

				TOTAL COVERAGE	
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)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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