

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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Appeal target: CHF 338,044 (USD 231,949 or EUR 229,834)

Programme Update No. 2

Period covered: September to December 2003

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 68.2% ; See the attached [Contributions List](#) or refer to the Federation's website for details.

Outstanding needs: CHF 107,354 (USD 86,000 or EUR 68,800)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- [Côte d'Ivoire Annual Appeal no. 01.22/2004](#)
- [Mano River Sub-Regional Programmes; Annual Appeal no. 01.27/2004](#)

Programme Summary: Armed conflict drastically affected activities of the [Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire](#) in 2003, particularly the first half of the year. However, the national society managed all the challenges in the year and emerged stronger. Red Cross volunteers were deeply involved in helping vulnerable people such as the victims of displacement during the crisis. The Federation assisted the national society with reactivating and equipping the health posts and provide health services to the population in the Western part since the region was worst hit during the conflict. Health workers attended refresher training courses while the youth attended training on humanitarian values. All committees were revived during the reporting period. Moreover, the 2004 Appeal process was completed successfully thanks to the Project Planning Process (PPP) training undertaken by programme managers who were involved in the process.

Operational developments

On 19 September 2002, Côte d'Ivoire was plunged into armed conflict, threatening stability in the entire region. The armed conflict was a result of a protest against demobilization of a group of soldiers and later turned into a full-blown war. The opposing military factions officially signed a cease-fire agreement on 4 July 2003, declaring the war over after which a government of national reconciliation was set up.

Despite the end of the Ivorian conflict, it has left over a million internally displaced persons (IDP) and 400,000 refugees who fled the country to Guinea, Ghana and Nigeria. Neighboring countries such as Niger, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Ghana also suffered from the Ivorian conflict.

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The armed conflict has had a drastic effect on the country's economy and a few challenges still need to be overcome before total trust can be established between the former dissidents and the government.

Despite the short-lived disagreement regarding the application of the Marcoussis peace accord, members of the opposition have finally come back to the government for reconciliation and the process of Demobilization, Disarmament and Reinsertion (DDR) will begin in January with the assistance of the United Nations and a national committee on DDR. It is hoped that things will go back to normal, just like in Sierra Leone where DDR was very successful; former rebels and child soldiers were successfully rehabilitated and accepted into the community.

Amidst all the insecurity and challenges that faced the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire, the Federation, through the Mano River Office, supported the national society to carry out some of its planned activities; giving the much needed assistance to the vulnerable as well as training to the volunteers.

Health and care

Goal: To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality due to communicable diseases among the most vulnerable populations in Côte d'Ivoire.

Objective: The national society efforts to combat HIV/AIDS/STDs and other communicable diseases (yellow fever, malaria, cholera) in selected rural health districts are strengthened.

Expected Results

1. HIV/AIDS and STDs prevention and care activities are reinforced in four health districts (Yamoussokro, Korhogo, Aboisso and Gagnoa) through sensitization and home and community-based care.
2. A community-based system for assisting PLWHA has been developed and put in place in the respective villages.
3. Capacity of the national society at the local committee level to conduct
4. HIV/AIDS and STDs-related activities have been increased: procurement and promotion of condoms and promotion of IEC
5. Income generating activities are in place to sustain programme activities.

Achievements

- Due to the armed conflict in the country, this objective could not be fully attained. However, other health activities were carried out. The HIV programme received substantial assistance which aided in training 20 project supervisors in Korhogo, Yamoussokro, Aboisso and Gagnoa.
- The training, which was conducted by the national society in collaboration with Lumiere Action, an Association of people living with HIV/AIDS, focused on sensitizing peer educators for sex-workers as well as providing psychosocial support for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Social mobilization activities for the blood bank were successfully carried out.

Impact

- A total of 25,800 people were sensitized by Peer Educators in four of the project districts.
- Cases of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) have been reduced.
- A total of 3,880 blood packets were received and donated to the national centre for blood transfusion

Constraints

- Delays in making funds available to the national society
- Problem of justification of working advances by the national society
- Lack of involvement of all the organs responsible involved in the fight against AIDS both at the national as well as the international level.

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Fight against communicable diseases

The national society collaborated with the Ministry of Health in social mobilization during the vaccination campaign against measles in the three of six districts (Zenoula, Bouafle and Sinfra) as defined by the national coordination of Expanded Programme for Vaccination (EPI). This programme was carried out in November and December 2003. Three hundred (300) volunteers participated and succeeded in reaching homes which seemed proven difficult access.

Impact

- According to initial reports received from the EPI Coordinator, the rate of coverage for the three districts was 95.5% in Zenoula, 96% in Bouafle and Sinfra for children aged between 6-14 years. However, it is too early to do an evaluation as the vaccination campaign had not yet been completed in the other districts at the time of writing this report.
- The population responded in large numbers to social mobilization.

Constraints

- Slow administrative procedures in releasing funds to the national society.
- Difficulties in justifying working advances.
- Frequent changes on the calendar of events by the Ministry of Health.

Community health

Due to the armed conflict, community health activities planned by Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire for the Western part of the country stagnated quite a bit. This aggravated the health situation in the country resulting to increased cases of malaria and respiratory problems. As a result, the Federation supported the national society in re-activating ten existing health posts in Blolequin and Toulepleu and equipped them with medical and hygiene facilities. Twenty (20) community health workers received refresher training courses at the time. The health posts which were rehabilitated in July 2003 were reopened in September with noticeably high levels of activity: in Blolequin, 960 persons consulted the health post with 200 cases of malaria and 41 cases of acute respiratory problems; in Toulepleu, 394 patients were registered with 162 cases of malaria and 91 cases of respiratory problems. The regional health coordinator visited the ten villages in October to assess the implementation of the programme. Activities have continued at the health posts since then.

Impact

- The population can now receive medical services with the reactivated health posts.
- Health workers have had their knowledge refreshed.

Constraints

- Administrative difficulties in disbursing funds to the national society.
- Difficulties in justifying working advances by the national society.

Disaster Management

Goal: The rights of the children in Côte d'Ivoire are increasingly respected and further championed by the public as a whole.

Objective: The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire has contributed to the reduction in child trafficking and the worst forms of child exploitation (debt bondage, armed conflict, commercial sexual exploitation and drug trafficking) in Côte d'Ivoire through advocacy.

Expected Results

- The capacity of the national society in advocacy and mobilizing community action through advocacy is increased at all levels.
- Five Red Cross volunteers have been trained as trainers in the phenomenon. They were trained in the methods, techniques and arguments to use to help families protect themselves from child trafficking and exploitation. These also include methods to dissuade people from accepting the practice in their community and what they can do about it if they suspect its occurrence.

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- Fifty (50) volunteers have been trained and have undertaken social mobilization activities.
- Child exploitation and trafficking has been reduced in the targeted communities. Approximately 5,000 people per month have been sensitized of the problem; ways to recognize it and intolerance to its existence in their communities. The leaders of the communities have helped in the advocacy campaign and community has developed their own watchdog groups to protect children against such practices.
- A radio programme discussing child trafficking and exploitation on local radio stations across Côte d'Ivoire has reinforced the work done by volunteers as well as the work of the national society.
- Visibility of the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire as a champion of children's rights in the eyes of the general public.

Achievements

- This objective could not be attained due to the crisis in the country; however, other activities related to principles and humanitarian values of the Red Cross were carried out.
- 130 youth and 32 Red Cross committees were trained on humanitarian values and principles, project management and good governance during the Red Cross National Youth Camp meeting. The national society requested that all the committees be trained besides their decentralization on the same on seeing the benefit shown by the trainees. These requests have been included in the 2004 Sub-Regional as well as the country appeal.
- A pilot group has been set up to teach international human rights in junior schools targeting children aged between 13 and 16 years. This a resolution from a workshop on humanitarian values in December organized by the ICRC, the Federation and Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

In addition, ICRC sponsored a Federation staff member to attend a training-of-trainers (TOT) workshop, on dissemination of fundamental principles and values with the aim of including the Federation as a co-facilitator every time such training is held in Côte d'Ivoire.

Impact

- The youth and some members of the committees are now well-informed on the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- Federation staff gained knowledge and expertise in the dissemination of fundamental principles and values.

Constraints

- Due to armed conflict in the country since 2002, many of the activities could not be carried out.

Organizational Development

Goal: Decrease vulnerability of people living in Côte d'Ivoire through improved service delivery by the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire.

Objective: The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire has completed a comprehensive Strategic Development Plan, based on a national society capacity assessment, which is coordinated and agreed upon with key stakeholders both within and outside the Movement, leading to a systematic development approach which will allow the national society to progressively increase its capacity to better meet the needs of the vulnerable.

Expected Results

- The Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross has completed the Cooperation Agreement Strategy process.
- A national society capacity assessment exercise has been completed
- The national society together with other stakeholders developed a three to five year Strategic Development Plan based on national society capacity assessment.

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- The Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) has been presented and confirmed in a partnership meeting convened by the national society.

Achievements

- The national society confidently developed their 2004 Appeal with little guidance thanks to the Federation-sponsored PPP training for the programme officers. The national society also held a workshop on strategic planning in November 2003 with support from the Federation and developed their final plan.
- A new health representative for the region was elected and a plan of action for the region was developed during the sub-regional working group meeting in Abidjan in December. The meeting which was organized by the national society with support from the Federation was attended by representatives from national societies of Guinea Bissau, Guinea (Conakry), Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. The Secretary of working group and the OD representative for the region was also present as well as two Federation representatives who were observers.

Impact

- Strategic planning for three years was finalized.
- Central committees are re-activated and strengthened.
- Sub-regional working group for the region has new initiative and direction.

Coordination

The Federation provided support and guidance to the national society during the programme planning process for 2004 and has continued to hold weekly bipartite meetings with the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire since the sub-regional office was established. The Federation head of office continues to give the national society support by attending or sending a representative to all functions.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/01/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				338,044		68.2%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				79,302		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD (04)				50,000	24.02.03	HEALTH AND CARE
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD (04)				65,000	24.02.03	HUMANITARIAN VALUES
FINNISH - RC		25,000	EUR	36,388	07/01/2003	HEALTH AND CARE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				230,690	CHF	68.2%

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	