

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## **BENIN**

07 August 2003

**Appeal No. 01.30/2003; Appeal Target: CHF 36,329 (USD 24,927 or EUR 24,700)**

**Programme Update No. 1**

**Period covered: January to June 2003**

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### ***In Brief***

**Appeal coverage:** 99.1%; please refer to the Contributions List for this appeal on the Federation's website.

**Outstanding needs:** CHF 329 (USD 241 or EUR 212)

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:** 2003 Annual Appeal no. 01.34/2003: Nigeria sub-regional programmes

**Programme Summary:** Although funding has not enabled the Red Cross of Benin (RCB) to meet its objectives for the period, RCB volunteers still provided first aid services during communal and legislative elections, which were concluded in the country during the period. Volunteers and mother clubs continued with environmental sanitation activities, and participated in a campaign for prevention of cholera, measles, and meningitis. The RCB also helped the Ministry of Health (MOH) in monitoring epidemic diseases. With support from the Belgian Red Cross, the RCB implemented a child health programme that benefited 60 children

### **Operational developments**

Elections were concluded at communal and legislative level without any major violence. The second regional sub-group of the Presidents and Secretaries General of the Red Cross of Benin, Nigerian Red Cross, Ghana Red Cross and Togolese Red Cross held a two-day meeting in Porto-Novo, Benin. Regional resource mobilization and exchange strategy was discussed as a way of promoting regional cooperation among national societies in the Nigeria sub-region.

The Federation sponsored a mediation team the Benin Red Cross to help resolve internal problems. The team submitted its recommendations to the Federation HQ.

### **Organizational Development**

**Goal: To decrease vulnerability of people living in Benin through improved service delivery by the Red Cross of Benin.**

**Objective: To promote National Society development and capacity building throughout all programmes, and activities of the RCB, and the effective coordination of bilateral and multilateral support and cooperation programmes. (Federation Secretariat Priorities, 2002-03)**

**Expected Results**

1. Governance and management skills of RCB have progressed towards realizing the characteristics of a well-functioning national society through contracting of an external management consultant who will see that:
  - An in-depth management audit have been conducted;
  - A report on the findings has been produced;
  - A six-month action plan has been elaborated based on the findings;
  - Six months of technical back-up support have been provided to the RCB as they moved through their change process.
2. The RCB has completed the Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) process.
  - A national society capacity assessment exercise has been completed;
  - A three- to five-year strategic development plan (based on national society capacity assessment) has been developed in coordination with other stakeholders.
  - The RCB has convened a partners meeting and formally presented and confirmed the CAS.

For further background and details, please refer to the following on the Federation web-site:

- Programme Update no. 1, Annual appeal no. 01.34/2002: Nigeria sub-region, sections 1 (Organizational Development) and 3 (Coordination), [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual03/01340301.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/01340301.pdf) ;
- Federation cooperation agreement strategies (overview): <http://www.ifrc.org/where/rascas.asp> ;
- Federation CAS/West Africa: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/rascas/wafras.asp> .

**Progress/Achievements**

An in-depth management audit has not yet been conducted due to lack of funding by the Federation. The RCB faces management constraints and lacks planning skills. The establishment of a reliable and diversified source of funding, and financial procedures, remain the main challenges for the RCB. Nonetheless, the RCB concluded a self-assessment of its capacity which was submitted to the Federation Secretariat in April 2003.

The second regional sub-group meeting was held in Porto Novo, Benin in January 2003. The president of the Burkinabe Red Cross and the Federation regional programme coordinator met with the RCB as part of a mediation visit sponsored by the Federation; the mission was to help resolve a long-standing problem between senior members of the governing body and management of the RCB. The mediation team submitted its field findings to the Federation Secretariat.

**Impact**

The activities of volunteers in first aid, emergency response and community health activities have greatly helped local communities and raised the image of the national society. The RCB is also closely supporting national programmes for the reduction of HIV/AIDS through its network of volunteers.

**Constraints**

Funding constrained the implementation of planned activities.

**Coordination**

The Federation Head of Regional office and OD delegate visited the RCB to help support the organization of the second sub-regional Lagos Group meeting in Porto Novo in January 2003.

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APPEAL No. 01.30/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

27/08/03

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				36,329		99.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				36,000	24.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				36,000	CHF	99.1%

## 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	