

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

## GHANA

14 July 2003

Appeal No. 01.31/2003; Appeal Target: CHF 217,581

Programme Update No. 1; Period covered: January-May 2003

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### In Brief

Appeal coverage: 79.4 %; See attached Contributions List or the Federation's website at:  
[http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap013103.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap013103.pdf)

Outstanding needs: CHF 172,693

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Humanitarian Response and Contingency Planning for Population Movements (Revised Emergency Appeal 34/02)

**Programme Summary:** The Ghana Red Cross HIV/AIDS Peer Education Project, which is supported by the Federation, commenced in June 2002 and is continuing in 2003 in Volta, Eastern and Central Regions of Ghana. The project was confronted with difficulties in the first half of 2003, as funds were not received against the 2003 Annual Appeal. The Ghana Red Cross, through the project has been able to reach and educate 4,679 youths during the reporting period. Lack of funds, however, limited the activities and plans of peer educators in three regions where the project is on-going.

Since the inception of project and interventions in these regions, there has been increasing HIV/AIDS awareness among youth peers. Government statistics demonstrate that the sale of condoms in Ghana, including Red Cross project areas, have risen significantly. Evidence of behavioural changes also manifest at peer educators meetings, when some peer educators openly discuss about their changed behaviour. These activities are critical in a country that saw a growth in the prevalence of AIDS during the first half of 2003.

### Operational developments

Ghana continues to be a stable country in the region. However, fuel and other utility prices have risen recently making the cost of living very high. With the country's political election due in December 2004, some potential exists for political unrest and local clashes in some parts of the country amongst tribes. Prevalence of AIDS has recently risen from 3 to 3.4 % in the country with 19 million people.

The structure and network of the Ghana Red Cross reaches into all ten of the Ghana's regions, in 86 out of 110 districts, with an extensive network of volunteers, especially the youth and mothers' clubs. The Society runs a programme on HIV/AIDS for youth, and a reproductive health programme for men, women and adolescents. Through its Mothers' Clubs, the Ghana Red Cross disseminates information about basic health care, hygiene and sanitation. During the period, the Society undertook a Management Audit by KPMG Consultants, which reviewed both the management and governance functions of the National Society. The review report and the subsequent workshop that was organized in Accra underlined financial reporting as one of the key challenges for the Society.

The financial resource base of the National Society, and its governance and management functions have to be enhanced in order for the Society to move forward.

The Lagos office of the Federation signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) on the management of the HIV/AIDS Peer Educator Project. In line with the Federation's regionalisation policy, the Lagos office of the Federation is well positioned to provide the necessary support for the development of the National Society. Lack of funds, however, constrained the Federation's supported HIV/AIDS peer education project activities, especially peer educators' allowances to cover transport cost and IEC materials. The project, which commenced in 2002, is scheduled to run until the end of 2004.

On-going programmes and projects of Ghana Red Cross supported by various partners:

<b>GHANA RED CROSS ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>PARTNERS</b>
1- Youth Peer HIV/AIDS Education in 3 Regions and 6 Districts 2- Drafting of CAS	Federation's Lagos Regional Office
3- Dissemination of IHL, Humanitarian Values, tracing, training of emergency 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid teams	ICRC
4- Capacity development of Mothers Clubs to implement Child Survival project, Guinea worm Eradication, Mass Measles Campaign, Bed nets distribution (pilot project)	American Red Cross Rotary International
5- Promotion of Health among women and children through Mothers Clubs	German Red Cross/EU
6- Institutional Building to support Primary Eye Care 7- Drafting of CAS 8- Funding the Management Audit of Ghana Red Cross in May 2003	Swiss Red Cross
9- Guinea worm eradication	Global 2000, American Red Cross, UNICEF and WHO
10- Youth peer education	UNICEF and Family Health International

## **Health and care**

**Goal: To contribute towards the reduction of morbidity and mortality linked to childhood illnesses, and transmission of HIV/AIDS/STDS in Ghana.**

**Objective: The Ghana Red Cross has reinforced its efforts to combat childhood illness, and HIV/AIDS/STDS among youth in selected regions in Ghana, through intensified IEC and social mobilisation activities.**

**Expected Results: HIV/AIDS/STDS prevention and care activities are increased in three regions (Central, Volta and Eastern)**

**Progress/Achievements:**Progress Report on HIV/AIDS Peer Education Project

Project Area/Districts	No. of Educational sessions held from January-May 2003	No. of Persons reached (both through regular education and outside)	No. of Peer Educators	Average age of persons reached
1- Eastern Region 1-1 Yilo Krobo District	232	1116	23	17 years male 16 years female
1-2 Manyo Krobo	180	682	23-18	17 years male 15 years female
2- Volta Region 2-1 HO District	216	1339	24	Same as above
2-2 ketu District	144	937	24	
3-Central Region 3-1 Cape Coast		406	16	22 years male 18 years female
3-2 Awutu/Efutu/Senya (AES)		199	20	19 years male 17 years female
Total	772	4,679	130 (on average)	

**Impact:**

With the support of the Federation and other partners, the Ghana Red Cross is reaching out to many people through the distribution of educational materials and good communication skills by its peer educators. From January to May 2003, some 4,679 youth have been reached in Volta, Central, and Eastern Regions where the Federation is supporting the project. This figure is expected to rise since the projects are being expanded into two extra districts in these three regions.

**Constraints:**

- Funding constraints delayed Peer Educators regular review meetings. It also delayed the timely payment of transport payment and provision of IEC promotion materials.
- No provision has been made in the budget for staff to upgrade skills.

**Coordination:**

The Lagos office of the Federation attended a Management Audit workshop of the Ghana Red Cross financed by the Swiss Red Cross. Both the Head of Office and OD delegate held meetings with representatives of the Swiss and German Red Cross in Ghana on issues pertaining to co-operation for the development of Ghana Red Cross. The Lagos office of the Federation attended CAS review drafting meetings.

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APPEAL No. 01.31/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

14.07.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				217'581		79.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				172'693		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				172'693	CHF	79.4%

## 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	