

Appeal 2003-2004



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

NIGERIA SUB-REGION

Appeal no. 01.34/2003

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	2003 (In CHF)	2004 ² (In CHF)
1. Organizational Development	80,227	75,000
Total	80,227¹	75,000

Introduction

The spread of AIDS is an increasing concern in the Lagos region. All four countries of the region - Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo - suffer from poor infrastructure and deteriorating health indicators. Major health problems in the region include malaria, outbreaks of infectious diseases, poor sanitation and poor nutrition. Nigeria has the largest population in Africa. Both Togo and Nigeria will have elections in 2003; the potential for political unrest and local clashes in Nigeria will be high.

With its ability to mobilise volunteers, the Benin Red Cross has proven that it is particularly strong in running vaccination and awareness campaigns. In 2002 it ran HIV/AIDS peer education for youth and women, a national measles vaccination campaign and a hygiene awareness campaign. The Ghana Red Cross has been focusing on health promotion and prevention for many years. It runs health programmes such as child survival, basic health for mothers with children and reproductive health. The large base of community volunteers also were instrumental in the National Society's 'Action with Youth HIV/AIDS Peer Education' projects. The Nigerian Red Cross Society works with an increasing network of volunteers to relieve the situation of the most vulnerable. It has a programme of information about AIDS and supports victims of the disease. It works with mothers to spread the knowledge of basic health care and to improve children's health. It helps young people to improve their knowledge of health and road safety. The Togo Red Cross is focusing its health activities on prevention and health promotion through community action according to the ARCHI 2010 strategy. In the fight against HIV/AIDS, the National Society is implementing HIV/AIDS youth peer education projects and home-based care for persons living with AIDS. The National Society is also participating in a campaign to eliminate leprosy.

The four National Societies suffer from some institutional weakness which have led to poor project planning and management. These weaknesses are in the area of accounting, reporting and general administration which they recognise should improve for them to achieve their goals. Therefore, the Federation Secretariat aims to further develop the National Societies' project and volunteer management through their strength: community-based projects. This will help the National Societies to expand their community outreach, be self-sustainable and make good use of volunteers in tackling the priority needs of their countries.

¹ USD 55,048 or EUR 54,546.

² These are preliminary budget figures for 2004, and are subject to revision.

The Federation Secretariat had been providing focused attention to Nigeria for many years. With the regionalization process, the Secretariat intends to close its delegation in Nigeria by 2003. In its stead, the Federation Lagos Office will take forward the work of the region's four National Societies, increase cooperation with the ICRC, and work with the regional delegation to organise recruitment, workshops and common services. The Lagos Office will help coordinate meetings at governance and top management level, so that areas of common concern, covering integrity and advocacy issues, are addressed. It will continue to work closely with the ICRC and other partners in developing their Cooperation Agreement Strategies. It works with the National Societies in the region to ensure their priorities are well understood and supported by all components of the Movement as well as other humanitarian organisations.

The Lagos Office will also act as a focal point for representing the strategy of the Movement in the region. It keeps closely in touch with the UN agencies, diplomatic representatives, government departments, leading NGOs and regional organisations present in the region. It pays special attention to developing a relationship with ECOWAS. In establishing relationships with these bodies it emphasises the developing themes of the Federation and its fundamental principles. An important part of its advocacy is to explain the structure and values of the Movement. By placing the Movement and its fundamental principles at the centre of its advocacy, it will ensure added support for the National Societies in the region.

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Background and achievements/lessons to date

The Federation has been assisting the National Societies in West Africa for over 10 years, and during half of that period there have been organisational development delegates assigned to the Regional Delegation in Abidjan. Over the past five years the regional OD focus has been one of providing guidance to National Societies with their ongoing governance and management issues, and facilitation of their Development Plans.

However, due to the vast territory and the complex and entrenched political nature of many for the governance and management challenges facing the 16 countries of West Africa, as well as the growing need of the vulnerable for services, the OD support to the region has yet to make the solid impact hoped for in order to enable the National Societies respond in the most effective and efficient manner.

As a result of the lessons learnt from the past, and a reflection of the Secretariat's commitment "to assist the National Societies to strengthen their branch and project management capacity through community-based programming involving and developing their networks of volunteers, members and community participation", the Regional Delegation intends to increase the number and proximity of OD resource persons in West Africa to one Regional OD Officer per region.

Overall Goal

To decrease vulnerability of people living in West Africa through improved service delivery by their National Societies.

Programme Objective

To assist the Lagos Region National Societies in moving closer towards the Characteristics of a Well-Functioning National Society, by promoting development and capacity building throughout all programmes and activities of the West African National Societies, as well as promoting effective coordination of bilateral and multilateral support and cooperation programmes.

Expected Result

The capacity of targeted National Societies in the Lagos Region has been strengthened through the professional guidance and technical assistance of a Regional Development Officer.

- National Societies have been assisted in conducting appropriate evaluations (SWOT, VCA, Self Evaluation).
- Development of five-year strategic development plan has been facilitated for targeted National Societies.
- National Societies have been assisted to increase branch capacity through community-based programming involving and developing their networks of volunteers, members and community participation.
- National Society have been assisted to improve management and recruitment of volunteers.
- National Society have been assisted to improve management of human resources.
- National Societies have been assisted in implementing 'Youth Strategy'.

2. Field Management W

Background and achievements/lessons to date

The appointment of a Head of Lagos Office in July 2002 constituted the launching of the Lagos Office which supports the four national societies of Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria. The Annual Appeal and the Lagos sub-regional working group will increasingly establish the priorities for the Lagos Office support to the national societies in the Region. The transition from country delegation to regional office has begun gradually - tempered by the need to maintain support for the substantial activities of the Nigerian Red Cross - and it is early to review either achievements or lessons to date; however governance support for the Benin Red Cross has been an initial priority addressed by the office.

Overall Goal

The Regional Delegation, regional offices and country delegations in West and Central Africa are:

- Strengthening National Societies to deliver services and advocate on behalf of vulnerable people.
- Ensuring effective representation and advocacy.
- Building coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships.

Programme Objective

Lagos office is providing an optimal level of service to national societies in the region by managing common Federation resources, representing the Federation, coordinating and communicating with National Societies, supporting National Societies in responding to disasters as they occur and in managing multilateral programmes for which the Secretariat has responsibility.

Expected Result

Head of Office in Lagos is managing a Federation presence in the region which is the first port of call for support in DR, OD and Program Development, is initiating dialogue and review towards optimal support of national societies and is helping build new business opportunities in favour of the four national societies in the region

- **Administration** and accounting and **financial** management in the Lagos Office is performed efficiently
- Lagos Office is producing timely, donor-oriented **reporting** including emergency appeals, operations updates, annual reports for the region.

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BUDGET 2003

PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.: 01.34/2003

Name: Nigeria Sub-regional Programmes

PROGRAMME:	Organisational Development	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Federation Coordination	International Representation	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter & construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seeds & plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & first aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teaching materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relief supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land & Buildings	186	0	0	0	0	0	186
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & telecom	5,750	0	0	0	0	0	5,750
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other capital exp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES	5,936	0	0	0	0	0	5,936
Warehouse & Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicules	833	0	0	0	0	0	833
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	833	0	0	0	0	0	833
Programme Support	5,214	0	0	0	0	0	5,214
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	5,214	0	0	0	0	0	5,214
Personnel-delegates	8,551	0	0	0	0	0	8,551
Personnel-national staff	26,277	0	0	0	0	0	26,277
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	34,828	0	0	0	0	0	34,828
W/shops & Training	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
Travel & related expenses	9,200	0	0	0	0	0	9,200
Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other General costs	4,215	0	0	0	0	0	4,215
GENERAL EXPENSES	13,415	0	0	0	0	0	13,415
TOTAL BUDGET:	80,227	0	0	0	0	0	80,227