

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## NIGERIA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

16 July 2003

Appeal No. 01.34/2003; Appeal Target: CHF 80,228

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

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### In Brief

Appeal coverage: None; See attached Contributions List for details or see the Federation's website at: [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap013403.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap013403.pdf)

Outstanding needs: CHF 80,228

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: See [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org) under "where we work."

**Programme Summary:** In line with the Federation's regionalisation strategy, the Federation's Lagos Regional office was opened in July 2002, covering Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo to support the development of the National Societies in the region. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was prepared by the Nigerian Red Cross, ICRC-Nigeria, and the Federation's Regional Office in Lagos. The MoU defines the activities of the ICRC and the Federation when providing assistance to the Nigerian Red Cross Society. Regional visits and meetings encouraged the national societies to share their experiences with each other, which improved communications between the societies and the Federation and facilitated learning from each other's experiences. Lack of available core funding for the Lagos Regional office, due to poor donor response to the Appeal, was an obstacle to implementing all of the planned activities.

### Operational developments

In line with the Federation's regionalisation strategy, the Federation's Lagos Regional office was opened in July 2002, covering Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo to support the development of the National Societies in the region.

During the reporting period, the second sub regional group meeting, that was attended by the Presidents and Secretaries General of the four National Societies was held in Porto Novo, Benin. The meeting charted out the future cooperation strategy among the National Societies in the areas of programme prioritisation, regional resource mobilization and communication.

The Lagos office maintained cordial, regular contact and held various coordination meetings with the ICRC, Swiss Red Cross, German Red Cross and other partners supporting the various development activities of the National Societies.

## **1. Organisational Development**

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

**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.**

### **Progress/Achievements:**

The recruitment and training of a Regional Development Officer was a priority for 2003, however, plans to recruit an officer were put on hold due to the fact that budget provisions and funding for the appeal were not clear.

The Federation's Regional Office in Lagos supported the National Societies through the following activities:

- HIV/AIDS Peer Education project (budget, finance and project reporting), technical advice in Co-operation Agreement strategy (CAS) drafting, Management Audit and Federation's Programme Planning (2004-2007) of Ghana Red Cross Society.
- Provide technical advice on planning, monitoring and reporting for the Community Based Health Programme (HIV/AIDS and Mother Clubs), disaster management (DM), organizational development (OD) (volunteers and staff development), and supporting the Nigerian Red Cross
- Youth Peer Education, technical advice to the Togolese Red Cross about the Federation's Programme planning, and producing Federation programme updates for the period January-June 2003.
- Nigeria, Togo and Benin Red Cross Societies conducted their Self assessments, completed questionnaires and submitted to the Secretariat in Geneva.
- The Nigerian and Togolese Red Cross Societies revised their Development Plans for 2003-2005.
- The Nigerian Red Cross implemented a volunteer policy.
- Provide support to the Governing Body and Management of the Benin Red Cross.
- Federation's Programme Planning for 2004-2007 in support of the National Society.
- The Togolese Red Cross conducted an election of its governing body.

### **Impact**

Regional visits and meetings encouraged the national societies to share their experiences with each other, which improved communications between the societies and the Federation and facilitated learning from each other's experiences.

## 2. Field Management

**Overall Goal:** The regional office strengthens National Societies to deliver services and advocate on behalf of vulnerable people.

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

### Progress /Achievement

- A nationally recruited Finance Officer has assumed the responsibilities of the Finance/Administration Delegate position in the Federation's office in Lagos.
- Monthly financial reports were completed and duly submitted to the Federation's Regional Delegation.
- A draft Memorandum of Understanding was prepared between the Nigerian Red Cross, ICRC- Nigeria, and the Federation's Lagos office defining the activities of the ICRC and the Federation when providing assistance to the Nigerian Red Cross Society.
- Joint missions were conducted with the ICRC to Adamawa and Gombe States in Nigeria to assess the needs of Internally Displaced Persons.
- The Federation's Lagos office actively participated in the 'Audit Management of Ghana Red Cross Society' workshop funded by the Swiss Red Cross in Accra, Ghana.
- Reporting: 2002 Programme Annual Report completed and submitted; Programme updates for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter completed and submitted. Donor Specific reports: OD programme updates for Nigeria Programme sent to Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian Red Cross.

### Coordination

Regular coordination meetings were held with the ICRC on joint training and field visit planning for Disaster Management and Organisational Development activities supporting the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

### Constraints

The annual appeal to date has received no funding, and thus the lack of core funding for the Lagos Regional office was an obstacle.

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# Nigeria sub-regional

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 01.34/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

16.07.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	80'228					<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b> <b>0.0%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				0	CHF	0.0%

### 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	