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NIGERIA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

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In Brief

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Overall analysis of the programme

The Federation Lagos Sub-Regional Office supports four National Red Cross Societies: [Red Cross of Benin](#), [Ghana Red Cross Society](#), [Nigerian Red Cross Society](#) and [Togolese Red Cross](#). Since its inception, the sub-regional office facilitated three regional group meetings in Lagos (Nigeria), Porto Novo (Benin) and Lomé (Togo). The meetings helped the four national societies exchange regional experiences in the areas of health and disaster management programmes. It was also discussed to standardize some of the techniques in the HIV/AIDS and other activities as all the four national societies run HIV/AIDS projects. The last meeting in Lomé also decided to issue the first regional Information Bulletin.

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The Lagos sub-regional office also focused on providing technical assistance to the national societies in finance, programme planning and monitoring as well as reporting, which were all identified as institutional weaknesses. The Federation Lagos sub-regional office cooperated closely with the ICRC, UN agencies and bilateral national societies such as the Swiss Red Cross and the German Red Cross in the region to enhance partnership with the national societies.

Organizational Development

The organizational development (OD) of the Federation's Lagos regional office supported capacity development of the national societies of Nigeria, Ghana, Benin and Togo in implementing their programmes and services. The OD activities covered during the year included governance orientation, self assessment of national societies of Nigeria and Togo, organization of two Sub-Regional working Group meetings held in Benin and Togo.

Staff and volunteer development of the national societies in the Lagos Sub-Region has also been a key area of support provided by OD. Counterparts and staff of the national societies also benefited from Federation's regional trainings; social mobilization and networking in Namibia, reporting in Abidjan, Project Planning Process (PPP) training in Ghana and volunteer network in Nairobi.

Considerable time and efforts are being made by the head of office and the OD delegate in organizing two meetings for the Ghana Red Cross and partners, to help the Governing Body and Management of the national society address its current organizational and financial crisis. The health delegate provided technical and monitoring support to the HIV/AIDS peer educators and Mothers' Clubs activities of CBHP of the national society.

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

Objective: To assist the Lagos Sub-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.

Achievements

- The Federation's Lagos Sub-Regional office was actively involved in supporting the national societies of Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo. The arrival of two new delegates – health and finance development delegates - enhanced its capacity to provide a more focused technical support to the national societies.
- The national societies of Togo and Nigeria conducted their self-assessment in the first quarter of 2003 and completed questionnaires which were submitted to the Secretariat in Geneva.
- The Nigerian Red Cross and the Togolese Red Cross revised and finalised their strategic development plan.
- The president of the Nigerian Red Cross chaired the two Sub-Regional Working Group meetings, which were attended by the general secretaries of the national societies. The meetings, among other resolutions, identified focal national societies for health, disaster management and information and also charted out a regional collaboration and exchange of information and resources in the areas of health, disaster management and information dissemination between the national societies. All stakeholders agreed on concrete steps and agreements in the Lomé meeting in November 2003 with regards to standardization of programme techniques, such as in the field of HIV/AIDS and a Sub-Regional Bulletin.
- The Lagos sub-regional office provided a lead role and technical and financial support for the two meetings to determine the way forward between the Ghana Red Cross and its partners; to resolve the management and financial crisis surrounding the national society. The office has been able to bring the partners to an understanding of the Ghana Red Cross and developed a strategy to handle the critical issues in the national society.
- The office liaised with the president of the Burkina Red Cross and the ICRC regional office in Abidjan to help address the critical governance and management problems within the Red Cross of Benin.

Field Management

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 partnership**

Objective: Lagos sub-regional 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, and supporting national societies in responding to disasters as they occur and in managing multilateral programmes for which the Secretariat has responsibility.

Achievements

- The Lagos sub-regional office has played a significant role in helping the national societies in the Sub-Region develop partnership and collaboration with regional and International humanitarian and funding agencies, such as Nestlé, FHI (Food for the Hungry International), UNICEF, the British Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, German Red Cross among others. The capacity of the national societies, in the Lagos Sub-Region, to work with partners has been increased.
- The office holds regular liaison meetings with the ICRC office in Nigeria, which has led to the development of a draft MoU with the ICRC office in Lagos to guide a tripartite agreement between the Nigerian Red Cross, the ICRC and the Federation's Lagos sub-regional office. One of the fruits of the meeting is the joint plan to execute field level training for staff and volunteers of the disaster management programme of the Nigerian Red Cross.
- The Lagos sub-regional office administrative and financial office provides support and training to all four national societies. Financial reports are timely and regularly (monthly) sent to Dakar regional delegation.
- The office has produced regular Federation reports on annual Appeal reports for 2002 and 2003, Information Bulletin on cholera outbreaks and an emergency request to assist Liberian refugees. Other reports submitted include donor-oriented reports on HIV/AIDS projects in Nigeria for Nestlé, Parthenon and the British Red Cross, polio immunization report, disaster management and organizational development reports on activities to Finnish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and British Red Cross.

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