

Appeal 2003-2004



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

BURKINA FASO

Appeal no. 01.35/2003

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	2003 (In CHF)	2004 ² (In CHF)
1. Health and Care	262,810	280,000
Total	262,810¹	280,000

Introduction

A country with poor social and economic indicators, Burkina Faso faces numerous challenges. The Burkina Faso Red Cross, on the other hand, has a strong core of experienced staff and an ability to mobilise volunteers.

As provision of adequate health care is still a very big challenge for the country's government, the National Society has agreed with the Federation Secretariat to deal with health emergencies and to fight against HIV/AIDS through its network of volunteers. At the same time, the Secretariat will help the National Society to develop management of its health programming at national level.

National Context

The World Bank's 2002 World Development Report places Burkina Faso as the world's 12th poorest country, with gross national income per head of USD 230 in 2000. In 1998 it was estimated that 45.3% of Burkinabes lived below the poverty line, reflecting mainly worsening poverty in urban areas. Agriculture represents half the country's export earnings and employs 84% of the nation's workforce. Lacking in resources, water and fertile soil, Burkina Faso is also continually hit by droughts and floods. Up to 3 million Burkinabes live and work in Côte d'Ivoire where large cocoa and coffee plantations exist.

Health care in Burkina Faso remains very poor. Under-five mortality is at 198 deaths per 1,000 live births. The main diseases affecting the predominantly rural population are malaria and AIDS. Burkina Faso has the second highest rate of infection in West Africa just after Côte d'Ivoire. In 2001 meningitis also swept through Burkina Faso killing over 1,500 people. In 1998, the country had only three doctor for every 100,000 people (UNDP). Public expenditure on health amounted to only 1.5% of the GDP in 1998.

Human Development Indicators at a Glance

	Burkina Faso	Sub-Saharan Africa	World
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¹ **USD 180,327 or EUR 178,684.**

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

Life expectancy at birth (years)	46.7	48.7	66.9
Adult literacy rate (% age 15 and above), 2000	23.9	61.5	~
Adult literacy rate (female as % of male), 2000	51	77	~
Combined primary, secondary and tertiary gross enrolment ratio (%), 1999	23	42	65
GDP per capita (PPP\$), 2000	976	1,690	7,446
People living with HIV/AIDS, adults (% age 15-49), 2001	6.5	9	1.2
Refugees (thousands), in/out, 2000	1/0	~	~

Source: UNDP HDR 2002

National Society Priorities

In recent past, the Burkina Faso Red Cross (BFRC) has had a lot of bilateral partnerships. This has helped to keep it active in relief, health, environmental education and small community-based projects. A change of its statutes has made internal management lines clearer. On the other hand, the statutes in part weakened the BFRC because they created posts which need to be funded, yet the National Society has not had very successful resource development.

At a Glance

	YEAR	COMMENT
Statutes	2001	Revised statutes, separation of governance and management
National Disaster Plan	in draft form	BFRC is part of national committee responsible for developing NDP
National Development Plan	2000-2004	
CAS	completed	
Self Assessment	no	
Elections	2001	
Yearly audit		

Main Strengths

- Strong branches
- Good national coverage
- Ability to mobilise volunteers
- Strong participation in some national health activities (i.e., epidemics)
- Ability to engage bilateral partnerships

Main Challenges

- Need to strengthen management at national level
- Maintaining bilateral partnerships
- Optimise capacity of resource development structures

The BFRC has undergone many assessments, usually initiated by bilateral partners. Each time an assessment was carried out, the National Society was encouraged to apply greater rigour and transparency in monitoring and managing its projects at all levels. The last development plan identified the National Society's main priorities as institutional development: women in development, branch development, youth and training.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Priorities

International Federation: The BFRC has been working with the Secretariat on community-based first aid as well as on emergency operations during health epidemics (i.e., meningitis, 2001).

ICRC: The ICRC supports the BFRC to prepare for emergency situations in the event of conflict, to provide effective and efficient tracing services and to carry out dissemination activities to promote the Fundamental Principles and to raise awareness of IHL among members of the armed forces, the police and political parties.

Bilateral: The Danish Red Cross assisted the BFRC in developing its CAS, which was completed March 2002. The Swedish Red Cross also provided institutional development to the BFRC through CBFA and the creation of a dispensary. The Andorra Red Cross contributed funding to a BFRC pharmacy. The Spanish Red Cross assists the National Society with women in development activities. The French Red Cross has also contributed to a medico-social centre in Ouagadougou with increasing BFRC involvement. The National Society has a programme of youth exchange with the Westphalia branch of the German Red Cross, in which they carry out small projects on reforestation, drilling and accommodation infrastructure. The BFRC facilities for street children receive support from the Belgian Red Cross. Austrian Red Cross maintains considerable support for the BFRC projects - day care centre for handicapped youth and renovation work on various reception centres - training centre for girls and kindergarten.

Primary support from the Movement in 2002

Partner	Health	Relief	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Org. Dev.	Other
ICRC			xx			xx
Federation*		xx				
Danish RC					xx	
Belgian RC		xx				
Spanish RC						xx

*Federation support comes from Finnish RC, Monaco RC, British RC, and Danish RC

Priority Programmes for Secretariat Assistance

In addition to encouraging the BFRC to join the Global Fund's Country Coordination Mechanism to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, the Secretariat will also continue to assist the National Society to deal with health emergencies and HIV/AIDS; at the same time it will help the National Society to develop management of its health activities at a central level in order to better respond to potential health crises among the rural population of Zinaré, Kaya, Koupela and Ouahigouha.

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Background and achievements/lessons to date

Background:

- High child morbidity and mortality rates.
- Poverty, high illiteracy rates.
- Illnesses linked to water and poor sanitation/hygiene (low access to safe water and adequate sanitation).
- Persisting endemic and epidemic illnesses (measles, cholera, meningitis).
- Low vaccination coverage.
- Increasing HIV/AIDS problem (third highest ranked country in West Africa).
- Increased HIV/AIDS vulnerability linked to population movement/migration population.

Achievements:

- Well organised and motivated local committees in a number of health districts.

- Ability to mobilise volunteers/good experience in social mobilisation (Measles vaccination campaign).
- Good collaboration with partners/government.
- Experience in community surveillance of epidemic diseases (Meningitis, 2001 and 2002).
- Trained volunteers on First aid and communicable diseases.

Lessons learned:

- Need to strengthen capacity in epidemic response.
- Need to ensure sustainability of community-based health activities.

Programme goal

To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality due to communicable diseases in Burkina Faso.

Programme objective

Mortality and morbidity linked to HIV/AIDS, endemic and childhood illnesses, have been reduced through BFRC health activities, promoting appropriate health behaviour at the community level in the rural zones.

Expected results

1. HIV/AIDS and STDs prevalence rates have been reduced among youth and women in the Kadiogo province, through National Society activities (education, prevention, and care and support for PLWHA).
 - National Society have reinforced their capacity to combat HIV/AIDS and STDs.
 - Knowledge on HIV/AIDS and STDs prevention and transmission among youth and women in the target community have been improved.
 - Committed non-remunerated voluntary blood donors.
 - Improved quality of life of PLWHA in the target community.
2. The capacity of the National Society has been strengthened to better respond to potential health crises among the rural population of Zinaré, Kaya, Koupela and Ouahigouha.
 - Preparedness has been enhanced, to respond to health crises through house-to-house awareness visits and community surveillance.
 - Capacity of the BFRC in the management and early detection of potential health crises in the community has been reinforced.
 - Partnerships have been strengthened.

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BUDGET 2003

PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.: 01.35/2003

Name: Burkina Faso

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	10,750	0	0	0	0	10,749
Food	0	2,381	0	0	0	0	2,381
Seeds & plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & first aid	0	2,191	0	0	0	0	2,191
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	15,322	0	0	0	0	15,321
Land & Buildings	0	26,000	0	0	0	0	26,000
Vehicles	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Computers & telecom	0	200	0	0	0	0	200
Medical equipment	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
Other capital exp.	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES	0	43,200	0	0	0	0	43,200
Warehouse & Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicules	0	12,721	0	0	0	0	12,720
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	0	12,721	0	0	0	0	12,720
Programme Support	0	17,083	0	0	0	0	17,082
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	0	17,083	0	0	0	0	17,082
Personnel-delegates	0	21,468	0	0	0	0	21,467
Personnel-national staff	0	40,545	0	0	0	0	40,544
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	0	62,013	0	0	0	0	62,012
W/shops & Training	0	28,414	0	0	0	0	28,414
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	0	28,414	0	0	0	0	28,414
Travel & related expenses	0	14,611	0	0	0	0	14,611
Information	0	28,332	0	0	0	0	28,331
Other General costs	0	41,114	0	0	0	0	41,113
GENERAL EXPENSES	0	84,057	0	0	0	0	84,056
TOTAL BUDGET:	0	262,810	0	0	0	0	262,808