

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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BURKINA FASO

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Appeal No. 01.35/2003

Appeal Target: CHF 262,810 (USD 180,327 or EUR 178,684)

Programme Update No. 2

Period covered: August – November 2003

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In Brief

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Outstanding needs: CHF 25,420 (USD 20,352 or EUR 16,295)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- [Burkina Faso: Annual Appeal no. 01.32/2004](#)
- [Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, and Niger: Emergency Appeal no: 34/2002 - Humanitarian response and contingency planning for population movements](#)
- [Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal: Emergency Appeal No. 20/2003 – Heavy rains and floods](#)

Programme Summary: During the reporting period, [Burkinabe Red Cross Society](#) actively responded to the needs of returnees from Côte d'Ivoire and flood victims (see separate updates). The national society assisted the Ministry of Health fight polio. In addition, the national society implemented a resource development programme based on four income generating units.

Operational developments

In August, heavy floods affected over 3,000 families in ten major towns. An estimated 12,120 persons in the following 14 counties needed assistance; Kadiogo, Sanmatenga, Boulgou, Yatenga, Nayala, Kéné Dougou, Bazèga, Bam, Séno, Noubiel, Comoé, Loroum, Nahouri, Sebba. In addition to the toll on human lives, regions in the northern and the south-western part of the country, suffered loss of livestock, crops and their food reserves were destroyed.

During the first phase, the national society gave rice, maize and cereal for children to 6,470 flood victims in the regions of Comoé and Noubiel. During the second phase, 4,636 persons received rice, maize and cereals. In addition they received chloroquine, paracetamol and water purification tablets.

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Initial reports suggested that a looming food shortage. FEWS Net¹ however reported a bumper harvest which made the price of cereals fall drastically. The price of millet went down by 26%. The government predicts that there will be a grain surplus of over one million tonnes this year.

The Federation Head of Sahel Sub-Regional Office visited the national society and met the staff, volunteers, board members, partners and local authorities. During this mission, the national society listed its needs. The national society requested Federation assistance in organizing a round table meeting with partners. During this meeting, there will be discussions on the progress made by the national society in the restructuring process, and a draft strategic plan will be presented.

In August national society staff attended training on the Federation project planning process (PPP) in Lomé, and the Francophone regional disaster response training (RDRT) in Mali. The two training sessions increased the national society's capacity in project planning, proposal writing and was very instrumental in the 2004 Appeal process. The RDRT training enhanced the national society's capacity to respond to disaster; this was demonstrated during the heavy rains and floods. In November and December the National Director attended two sessions of the Francophone leadership development programme in Geneva.

In November, the national society's health officer participated in a RANY-WA² workshop organized by the Mano River Sub-Regional Office (Abidjan). During a social mobilization conference held in Namibia, Burkinabe Red Cross shared its experiences on the highly successful 2001/2003 meningitis vaccination and the 2001 measles vaccination campaigns.

Health and care

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

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.

Progress/Achievements

The main activities during the reporting period involved the fight against polio. Although the fight against polio seems to have been a success worldwide, several African countries including Burkina Faso are still threatened by a wild poliovirus. Burkina Faso had been polio-free since 2001 with the exception of one case which was reported in 2002. The Ministries of Health in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Niger, Chad and Cameroon organized a joint campaign against polio targeting under-fives starting 22 October. The goal was to ensure that every child aged 0-5 years was immunized.

During the first phase 2,401,449 children (19% of the total population) were immunized. The immunization campaign covered Yako, Gourcy, Dori, Sebba, Bogandé, Gayeri and Orodara districts. The Federation provided calling cards, fuel, T-shirts, notebooks, pens and follow-up sheets for use by the supervisors and volunteers as well as a small token of appreciation to the volunteers. Local authorities appreciated the work of the volunteers who were able to interact with local communities and demonstrated good understanding of the districts' health system. A report on phase two and a summary of the two phases will be included in the annual report for Burkina Faso.

Impact

Visibility of the national society increased as a result of collaboration with the Ministry of Health and interaction with the local communities.

Constraints

- The national society did not have adequate technical assistance and human resources to help fully achieve health related goals and objectives. This will be addressed in 2004.

¹ Famine Early Warning System Network

² Red Cross/Red Crescent AIDS Network for Youth in West Africa

- There were no funds to cover the HIV/AIDS component of the health programme.

Organizational Development

Background

The management of Burkinabe Red Cross has shown commitment towards the income generating/capacity building fund (CBF) mobilizing staff and ensuring that it is implemented. The nomination of a new National Director in August significantly contributed to the successful implementation of this programme due to his previous involvement as a volunteer. The national society is counting on the newly appointed Finance Assistant to assist the Finance and Administration Manager to strengthen the capacity of the income generation programme.

On two occasions, the Regional Finance and Resource Development Delegate and trained the national society on effective management systems and procedures as well as the implementation of income generating projects.

The steering committee of the national society met the four economic unit focal points and reviewed the progress that the program has made. Two interim reports on implementation were presented to the Regional Finance and Resource Development Delegate. A bank account was opened and half the project funds were transferred to support phase one of the program.

Goal: Strengthen income-generating units management for a better sustainability of the National Society

Objective 1: Strengthen laboratory service delivery systems and management procedures

Progress/Achievements

- The Executive Committee made the following recommendations aimed at improving clinical, laboratory and pharmacy services:
 - More clinical staff be hired by the next reporting period.
 - A part-time doctor is assigned by the Ministry of Health to provide consultancy services.
 - The maternal child health (MCH) clinic be reopened . Trained staff and equipment are available.
 - Use of health notebooks and good customer service while attending patients be emphasized.
- Before key decisions are made, regular meetings are held with staff to discuss their experiences, challenges and expectations.
- SOCOPHARM (a private firm) was selected to supply reagents and food items.
- An overall review of price lists from suppliers is underway.
- The Finance and Administration Manager has trained on cash and stock management

Funding Phase I	Amount in CHF
Training of laboratory technicians	1,290
Management training by the (Finance and Administration Manager)	585
Total	1,875

Quotations for the supply of indispensable equipment have been submitted.

Funding Phase I	Amount in CHF
Two microscopes	6,250
One centrifuge	8,250
One agitator	1,200
One distillation machine	6,250
One autoclave	3,125
Total	25,075

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A revision of the price list of each test proposed compared to that of the acquired reagents is underway. This will be used as a guide in future procurement of reagents.

Funding Phase I	Amount in CHF
Reagents	8,000
Total	8,000

Objective 2: Strengthen purchasing, storage and cash management procedures for the pharmaceutical store

Progress/Achievements

Recommendations have been made to restructure the current warehouse team. Only two staff out of the current two will work in the warehouse. Qualified managerial staff will be recruited.

Stock keeping sheets both in the warehouse and in the sales room have been updated. A new cash book format has been introduced. Drugs will be bought to stock the pharmaceutical store and get it operating.

A new supplier has been selected by the national society to supply drugs. The profit margin will be 20% with a credit facility of 30 days as opposed to 13% proposed by the competitors.

Funding Phase I	Amount in CHF
Staff development and training	1,535
Purchasing of generic drugs	2,360
Purchasing of special drugs	1,770
Total	5,665

Objective 3: Assist in implementation and management of a cafeteria linked to the BRCS guest rooms and conference hall

Progress/Achievements

A caterer has been identified and together with the national society has taken stock of available material and come up with a list of items for purchase to get the cafeteria and guest wing operational. The programme will cover the caterer's salary for six months after which the economic unit will take over the running of the facility.

A questionnaire was distributed and has been completed by staff from the national society. This has generated a variety of menus and two sets of price lists. One price list will be applicable to staff of Burkinabe Red Cross the second will be applicable to hosted guests and the general public.

Funding Phase I	Amount CHF
Salary	565
Small kitchen equipment	250
Refrigerator	1,240
Freezer	1,110
Operational costs	500
Total	3,665

Objective 4: Strengthen sewing centre with marketing, training sessions and equipment

Progress/Achievements

About 12 of 23 sewing machines need repairs. A list of equipment needed has been prepared and quotations have been obtained. Obsolete equipment in the training centre will be sold. Income generated from the sale will be credited to the operational account at the centre.

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Funding Phase I	Amount CHF
Repair of 12 machines	3,000
10 sewing machines	2,360
1 zigzag twisting machine	470
Total	5,830

New sewing and tailoring techniques are in great demand. The director of the training centre has received additional training which he will be passed on to students. Courses in household economics will be offered when the centre reopens.

Funding Phase I	Amount CHF
Dye training	295
“Bogolan” cloth production training	235
Household economics courses	425
Total	955

Austrian Red Cross contributed the cost of stationery being used by students this year academic year.

A revised estimate of the training centre’s contribution to the national society’s running costs has been done. The initial amount allocated for operational costs is too low and calls for revision.

Funding Phase I	Amount CHF
Annual contribution charges	1,700
Administrative costs	800
Total	2,500

Impact

The strengthening of the national society’s management team has been of great benefit to the income generating units. Mobilization and participation of staff in the implementation of new methods and procedures has laid the groundwork for success. Each economic unit will operate on a management-by-objectives basis and will be evaluated by profitability.

Constraints

Due to the move of the Regional Delegation (from Abidjan to Dakar) and time to build up the regional finance unit, the Sub-Regional Office was unable to proceed to the timely and full transfer of the initial funds until November. During the regional delegate’s mission scheduled for the end of 2003, an initial budget monitoring will be done and options for the transfer of remaining funds studied with the national society.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/01/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

					TOTAL COVERAGE	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				262,808		90.3%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				50,000	24.02.03	HEALTH
FINNISH - RC		25,000	EUR	36,388	07/01/2003	HEALTH AND CARE
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND ALLOCATION				131,000	15/05/2003	PBF003
IRISH - GOVT				20,000	28.04.03	PRIMARY HEALTH
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				237,388	CHF	90.3%

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	