

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## ***EAST TIMOR***

*11 August 2003*

*Appeal No. 01.60/2003*

*Appeal Target: CHF 626,738*

*Programme Update No. 2; Period covered: April to June 2003*

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### *In Brief*

*Appeal coverage: 29%; See attached Contributions List for details.*

*Outstanding needs: CHF 446,858*

*Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A*

*Programme Summary: Progress on the adoption of the Red Cross and emblem law by the East Timor government and the development of national society statutes has brought the East Timor Red Cross (Cruz Vermelha de Timor Leste/CVTL) closer to admission and recognition by the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. Recruitment of more than 330 volunteers through the CVTL health programme has constituted a valuable community level resource for establishing local Red Cross structures, thus expanding the coverage of CVTL in the country.*

### **Operational developments**

Continuing militia infiltration on East Timor borders, and a spate of nationwide attacks by mobs of armed youth, has brought criticism to the United Nations police force (UNPOL) for its failure to provide adequate internal security. Its capability to reform the local police force has also been under scrutiny. The UN is set to withdraw from East Timor in less than six months, leaving security to the local police.

The East Timorese government has continued to pursue worldwide support for the establishment of an international tribunal to prosecute serious crimes committed in the nation prior to independence.

The United Nations regional body, the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia (ESCAP) admitted Timor Leste as its 62nd and newest member. Health and education have been identified as priorities for the Government in the next fiscal year, and continue to be the focus of Red Cross activity in the country.

## **Health and Care**

**Goal: The general health condition of the East Timorese population-and particularly vulnerable groups - is improved**

**Objective: The capacity of CVTL to deliver quality health services to the most vulnerable in the communities is enhanced, through the establishment of a professional and effective health department**

### **Progress/Achievements**

#### **Expected results**

1. The health condition of the rural population in three districts is improved through the provision of clean water sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion
2. A fully-fledged first aid curriculum is developed, including community services
3. HIV/AIDS awareness activities reach out to all the sectors of the community and particularly young people

#### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

As planned, CVTL has now established a health department with a head of department, and coordinators for first aid, health education, HIV/AIDS and water sanitation, with the latter coordinating the work of three water teams. The health team is still new and faces the daunting task of initiating new programmes in a fledgling national society, but some progress has been made. A three-day training programme on HIV/AIDS has been developed and 40 volunteers from three districts have been trained. A fourth district will be included in August and followed by the development of a system for continuous follow-up and supervision.

Translation of a first aid manual into the local language, Tetun, is almost complete and the first training of trainers (ToT), with the aim of developing local trainers, has taken place. Experienced first aid trainers from Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) are conducting the training. To date, 216 volunteers from five districts have received only one-day training session on first aid, with which they provide limited first aid services during public events.

The health education programme is directed at rural communities and focuses more on prevention of common diseases (information on malaria, hygiene, control of tuberculosis and diarrhoea, construction of latrines, immunisation, installation of mosquito nets, protection of water sources and so on). This programme has been initiated in three districts and 75 volunteers have now been trained in the three-day course.

The water supply projects, supported by the Australian Red Cross and the local agency in charge of water and sanitation coordination (water sanitary services/CWSSP), have continued and the three teams working in water supply are fully funded until end 2003. The addition of hygiene education as an integral part of project support to communities receiving water supply systems is not yet institutionalised, but several communities that received water supply systems have now been selected as participants for training in first aid and health education.

## **Impact**

As mentioned in the last update, the water supply projects have benefited approximately 3,000 people, some 410 families throughout the country. More than 330 volunteers have so far been recruited through the health programme and constitute a valuable community level resource for establishing local Red Cross structures, thus expanding the coverage of CVTL in the country.

## **Constraints**

Due to difficulties, and therefore delays, in recruiting qualified human resources in East Timor, the health department and implementation of projects started late. Despite their enthusiasm, the health department staff are new, not only to the Red Cross but also to project development and implementation. They will require considerable support from the Federation over an extended period of time so the expeditious appointment of a Federation representative in East Timor would be helpful.

## **Disaster Management**

**Overall goal:** The impact of natural and man-made disasters on the most vulnerable people in East Timor is reduced.

**Objective:** A role is identified and a basic foundation and capacity developed for the CVTL to respond to disasters accordingly.

## **Progress/achievements**

### **Expected results**

1. The CVTL develops a strategic plan for disaster management
2. The CVTL has initiated community based pilot projects

### **Constraints**

Absence of a Federation representative, together with ongoing lack of resources has further delayed the programme.

## **Humanitarian Values**

**Goal:** There is a heightened awareness of, and support for, the promotion of humanitarian values in East Timor.

**Objective:** The CVTL develops a sound and effective communications function, based on the plans prepared in June 2002.

## **Progress/achievements**

### **Expected results**

1. Internal and external communication systems and structures are enhanced in CVTL
2. CVTL develop solid relations with local media, community, external partners and stakeholders

### **Constraints**

As with the disaster management programme, the lack of funds and absence of a Federation representative in the country has slowed down progress of the programme.

## **Organisational Development**

**Goal:** The CVTL has made a measurable progress towards establishment and recognition as a fully-fledged National Society within three years and undertakes a visible role in humanitarian sector in East Timor

**Objective:** The basic foundation, adequately resourced has been laid to enable the creation of a sound National Red Cross Society in East Timor.

**Progress/ achievements**

### **Expected results**

1. There is a clear and significant progress towards the development of CVTL as a well functioning national society
2. The CVTL has in place appropriate management structures and skills
3. Financial and resource development systems are introduced to underpin the sustainability
4. Red Cross youth and volunteer groups are established in Dili and the branches

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

The national society has slowly expanded its branch network outside Dili, with one new branch established during the reporting period. The total number of branches now stands at three.

Although progress on fundraising has been slow, the training room and mechanics workshop in CVTL are bringing in a small income for the national society.

Twelve volunteers from the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) conducted activities on first aid, health education and HIV/AIDS awareness in two branches during the quarter. SRC also donated funds to reconstruct the office building of one CVTL's chapters and over 1,000 blankets as disaster preparedness stock.

### **Impact**

The expansion of branches and resources is increasing CVTL's reach to the country's most vulnerable.

### **Constraints**

With the Federation representative finishing his mission in June, three months earlier than planned, some activities have slowed pending the recruitment of his replacement.

## **Federation Coordination**

**Goal:** Cooperation and communication between CVTL and partners is enhanced.

**Objective:** CVTL and its partners share common goals and objectives.

**Progress/achievements**

### **Expected results**

A cooperation agreement strategy for CVTL is developed with buy-in from all partners

The end of mission of the Federation representative from East Timor in June has seen both the PMI and the Federation delegation in Jakarta commit continued and necessary support to CVTL. This commitment was based on the national society's request and recommendations from the Bangkok regional delegation.

**Constraints**

With the programme still in its early stages, any objective assessment in this area would be too soon.

**International Representation**

**Goal:** CVTL and its partners have leading roles in national and international fora respectively.

**Objective:** There is increased international and governmental support for Red Cross Red Crescent activities in the country, especially for CVTL programmes.

**Progress/achievements****Expected results**

The CVTL and its partners have strengthened their position to work in support of the most vulnerable in East Timor.

The new Red Cross law and emblem law have been submitted to the Government following approval from the CVTL board. Parliament is expected to adopt both laws within the year. The national society has produced the first draft of its statutes in Portuguese, and translations into English and Tetun are expected to begin in the next quarter.

The lack of capacity in the delegation has meant attendance at international events and meetings has had to be kept to a minimum.

**Impact**

Progress in adoption of the Red Cross and emblem law by the East Timor government and development of national society statutes will bring CVTL closer to its establishment and recognition.

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**CASH**

				<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b>		
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>626,738</b>		<b>28.7%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				48,880		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID(04)				59,000	24.02.03	HEALTH & CARE
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD(04)				24,000	24.02.03	COORD.& MGT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		300,000	SEK	48,000	17.04.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				179,880	CHF	28.7%

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SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

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