

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## Papua New Guinea

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Appeal No. 01.70/2003

Appeal Target: **CHF 1, 235,476**

Programme Update No. 1;

Period covered: **January to June, 2003**

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### In Brief

**Appeal coverage:** 47%; See attached Contributions List for details.

**Outstanding needs:** CHF 650,004

**Programme Summary:** Programmes have made significant progress in achieving their expected results with the national society taking a lead role in delivery of all activities, despite a difficult operating environment. Continued support for the appeal is sought to ensure programmes meet objectives.

### Operational Developments:

Papua New Guinea continues to suffer from major economic and social problems. The value of the Kina continued to drop during the last quarter of 2002 and has not recovered, causing price increases of many essential items, which mostly are imported from Australia. This coupled with the already very high unemployment rate is further aggravating social and security related problems. Crime and violence is on the increase and is exceptionally high in Port Moresby and the second largest town of Lae, due to urbanisation and high unemployment. Air travel, which is the only means of transport from one Province to another, has once again increased with serious consequences for our budgets. The government having absolute majority in Parliament is trying to fight corruption, reorganise the Civil Administration and recover a state economy close to bankruptcy – but they are up against hard odds. Civil disturbances are on the increase. Squatters coming in from the Western Highlands establish shantytowns in the outskirts of Port Moresby and Lae. As they cannot find work they are becoming more and more violent, and clashes with other squatter colonies and the authorities are occurring frequently. Many people have been killed recently and Port Moresby is becoming a very dangerous place to live.

The civil disturbances on the Indonesian side of the border are causing an increasing number of border crossings of people seeking safety in PNG. The newly established PNGRCS branch in Vanimo is alerted and keeps track of the development. ICRC delegates have visited the area as well as UNHCR representatives.

The change of focus from the Federation being operational into an advisory role has been implemented and very well taken by the national society, who is now taking the lead in all areas of activities. With a number of highly skilled program officers in place, the technical level of project implementations has considerably increased.

However, the fund-raising activities together with dissemination need to be enhanced for the society to become less donor dependant.

An Annex building within the HQ compound has been extended, and the Federation delegation has moved into own premises at the end of January. The NS is reorganising its HQ set up as they have much better working space.

## 1. Health and care

### **Overall Goal:**

PNGRCS is a nationally recognized leader in HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness and training in community based first aid as a component of the CBSR.

### **Programme Objective (1):**

PNGRCS has the technical skills and knowledge requisite for the prevention of quality programmes and service delivery to the most vulnerable.

### **Activities:**

- Awareness workshop for the Bougainville Interim Committee on basic HIV/AIDS awareness information and education.
- Two Counselling & Care workshops in Manus and Sandaun branches providing the participants with basic counselling and care skills to support people living with HIV/AIDS in the communities.
- A country wide anti-stigma campaign on the theme "You can not get aids by hugging a person living with HIV/AIDS as part of World Red Cross Day celebrations.
- Ongoing liaison & coordination with stakeholders and the National Aids Council on conducting counselling and care as well as the peer education activities.
- Distribution of awareness materials to five branches containing brochures, t-shirts, comics, posters, videotapes, stickers and pictorial charts.
- Three follow-up workshops to three branches aiming at evaluate branch HIV/AIDS disseminators.
- Various dissemination workshops conducted in the branches and schools in Sandaun and Bougainville provinces covering more than 500 students in each school.

### **Results:**

Appropriate government ministries, UNAIDS and HIV/AIDS non-government organizations is now working in partnership with the PNGRCS to prevent the further spread of the disease and decrease risky sexual behaviour in target groups.

PNG Red Cross is in the process of finalising a cooperation agreement with the Australian Red Cross for the use of OPEC funds for the AIDS/HIV program.

### **Programme objective (2):**

The vulnerable communities have increased capacity in terms of self-help in case of accidents, provided to them through training in community first aid.

#### **Activities:**

- The Community Based First Aid training (CBFA) is now included in the community health workers curriculum.
- First training in CBFA conducted in May at the national society headquarters aiming at community health workers.
- A fact-finding session conducted in February in New Ireland Branch, Namatanai District.
- A CBSR field workshop conducted in the Namatanai district aiming at training the participants in CBFA, Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) and Community Based Health Awareness (CBHA).
- Eight first aid coordinators in place in branches, and able to facilitate basic first aid training in the provinces.
- Four follow-up training sessions for first aid instructors in five branches conducted for first aid instructors.

#### **Results:**

Most branches have well educated instructors, work independently and are no longer reliant on national officer and headquarters involvement.

## **2. Disaster Management**

### **Overall goal:**

The PNGRCS has the capacity and resources to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable people in times of emergency.

### **Programme objective:**

PNGRCS has the disaster management capacity to provide quality services to the most vulnerable in a timely and efficient manner, and the container programme covers all the branches.

#### **Activities:**

- A basic disaster management workshop in Sandaun Interim Branch provided new volunteers with disaster management skills and knowledge.
- An emergency management workshop on conflict preparedness jointly with ICRC in Madang covered all ten existing branches.
- A CBSR workshop conducted in New Ireland covered twelve communities.
- A working committee established to review the national society 'Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan' to make it more practical and realistic to follow.
- The 13 disaster containers are dispatched to the most disaster prone areas

#### **Results:**

- Ten communities in disaster prone areas have the capacity to carry out community based self-reliance activities.
- The national society disaster preparedness and response plan is in the process of being revised and is expected to be a guideline for disaster related activities in the country.
- The disaster preparedness container project is managed in a sustainable manner.

### **3. Humanitarian Values:**

#### **Overall Goal:**

The promotion of Red Cross principles, activities and international humanitarian law will be enhanced to the people of Papua New Guinea.

#### **Programme Objective (1):**

General public, members of the PNGDF, volunteers and staff have a better understanding of the role of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and of international humanitarian law.

#### **Activities:**

- A Media Briefing session was conducted to representatives of four media organizations.
- A soldiers briefing was conducted at the Taurama Barracks in Port Moresby.
- A dissemination session was conducted at the Bomana Police College in Port Moresby
- The World Red Cross Day was an opportunity to disseminate on the profile of the PNG Red Cross, the IHL as well as the use of the emblem.
- Dissemination was conducted in a number of schools.
- A dissemination session is broadcasted on the PNG FM radio every Wednesday mornings.
- Meeting sessions between the PNG Red Cross and the PNG Defence Force to emphasize the need for military personnel to receive training in IHL. So far the Moem Barracks in Lae has incorporated the IHL training into its military system of training. The ICRC will conduct 2 trainings on this aspect in July and August.

#### **Results:**

The people of Papua New Guinea have better understanding of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its guiding principles.

The PNGDF is in the process of introducing International Humanitarian Law training into their syllabus.

#### **Programme objective (2):**

The PNGRCS has a team of branch disseminators to conducted basic dissemination.

#### **Activities:**

- A National Dissemination Workshop was conducted in Lae Branch the objective to have trained disseminators in all 10 branches.
- A branch dissemination workshop was conducted in Morobe Branch

#### **Result:**

A number of disseminators are now in place.

## 4. Organisational Development

### Overall Goal:

The PNGRCS works as an efficient and effective organization, and its programmes in core areas improve the lives within vulnerable communities.

### Programme Objective (1):

Strengthen the capacity of the PNGRCS and become a well-functioning programme and service provider to vulnerable communities while adhering to and promoting the fundamental principles and humanitarian values.

### Activities:

- Two one day sessions with Council and Management on good governance
- Resource Management workshop conducted
- The Resource Management Training Manual was reviewed.
- A national Project Planning Process (PPP) Workshop conducted for branch volunteers and programme officers from the headquarters, aiming at improving standard project reporting and implementation skills.

### Results:

Council members, executives and branch representatives are more knowledgeable on the responsibilities of governance and management and have the necessary skills to formulate and implement relevant policies and procedures.

### Programme objective (2):

PNGRCS has prioritised three core areas to strengthen: a) the youth programme, b) the branch development and c) fund-raising and revenue generation.

#### a) Branch development:

### Activities:

- A Branch Leadership Workshop was conducted in Manus Branch
- A policy documents regarding branch establishment, suspension and reinstatement and another regarding branch building have been drafted as guidelines for the national society. The Council adopted these policies in May.
- NS has committed itself to an office building project consisting of assistance to two branches with initial funding.

### Results:

Staff and volunteers, in the branches and headquarters, have the skills and knowledge to carry out systematic reporting, monitoring and evaluation on programme activities.

One branch, the Western Highlands Branch has completed and inaugurated its new building.

#### b) Youth:

### Activities:

- Two workshops have been conducted. One National Youth HIV/AIDS Peer Education Workshop and one Youth Programme Management workshop
- 7 Branches are facilitating school programmes.
- 27 schools are involved in the programme and 589 students registered.
- Information/dissemination materials for the programme have been dispatched to the branches for distribution to schools.
- 600 T/shirts, 1500 stickers and 3000 posters printed with different dissemination motives.

- MoU with the National Education Department drafted and it is now with the department for eventual input and amendments.
- The second Youth Officer is onboard and working

**Results:**

Youth leaders have the tools and better knowledge to enhance the effectiveness and quality of programme implementation and to achieve maximum impact.  
Information materials have been submitted to all branches.

## **5. Federation Coordination**

**Overall Goal:**

To ensure optimal efficiency with the funding, planning and implementation of any projects carried out by the PNGRCS and supported by the Federation.

**Programme Objective:**

Keep all stakeholders involved with the capacity building of the NGRCS through CAS meetings, internal meetings, ad hoc regional conferences and maximum information flow.

**Activities:**

Ad hoc meetings between delegates and programme officers incl. field monitoring.  
Formal meetings between HOD and SG.  
Federation representation in Council- and Executive board meetings..  
Linking up with donor community such as AusAid, Nzaid and EU together with NS

**Results:**

Increased information flow to donors and the Secretariat.  
The national society is increasingly taking responsibility for the coordination itself.

## **6. International Representation**

**Overall goal:**

The PNGRCS and the Federation are seen as professional and reliable partners to the international and governmental community with regards to the work of improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable and in particular with regards to disaster mitigation.

**Programme Objective:**

Assist in profiling PNGRCS through representation in inter-agency meetings at national and international levels and through intensive contacts with the diplomatic community including the UN, which gives a good funding opportunity to the Red Cross.

**Activities:**

Very few meetings with other organisations, and Inter-agency meetings is not tradition in PNG.  
Formal and informal contact with the National Disaster Management Office and contact with UNDP and UNHCR

**Results:**

PNGRCS has positioned itself as auxiliary to the government in terms of disasters, and will be the main partner for NDMO.  
The PNGRCS/IFRC is involved with the planning and decision-making policies regarding disaster intervention.

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## PLEDGES RECEIVED

29/07/03

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1,235,476		47.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				247,122		
AUSTRALIAN - RC				30,000	31.03.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DELEGATE
JAPANESE - RC		82,181	USD	112,378	26.06.03	DISASTER MANAGEMENT
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND ALLOCATION				134,370	07/04/03	PPG001
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				523,870	CHF	42.4%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DENMARK	DELEGATE(S)			59,959		
KOREA REPUBLIC	DELEGATE(S)			1,643		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				61,602	CHF	5.0%

## ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	