

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.02/2004; Programme Update no 01, Period covered: January to May 2004; Appeal coverage: 103.4%; Outstanding needs: None
(click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List (also available on the website)).

Appeal target: CHF 228,006 (USD 171,240 or EUR 146,769)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: n.a.

Programme summary: An integrated health seed project in Belbala Sector 9 District of Djibouti City finally commenced during the period following the successful recruitment of a Project Coordinator. However, to date, no dates have been confirmed for holding the national assembly.

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Operational developments

Following the successful recruitment of a Project Coordinator, the integrated health seed project funded by DFID finally commenced. The Secretary General of the [Red Crescent Society of Djibouti](#) has been absent for a while owing to illness, and his deputy has been holding brief in the interim.

Health and care

Goal: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti has a sustainable impact upon the general health of targeted communities through its health programming

Objective: The national society's capacity in community health and care programming is facilitated through Federation support

Progress

With DFID funding, a six month integrated health and care seed project that incorporates water and sanitation (WatSan), tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS prevention targeting vulnerable communities within Belbala Sector 9 District of Djibouti City was initiated during the period. A Project Coordinator was also recruited and as part of the induction process, a course outline for training 20 volunteers on PHAST¹ and [ARCHI 2010](#) was designed and the PHAST toolkit adapted. Twenty volunteers will be trained in these techniques in June 2004 and will be expected to carry out such training at community level. Other ongoing activities under the project include the design of monitoring and evaluation tools for WatSan activities, a baseline survey checklist on access to WatSan and health information including the prevalence of waterborne diseases and malaria. A review of the activities and budget of integrated health and care seed project has been carried out. It is expected that the core activities of the project can be speeded up within the revised period.

Volunteers continued their community health information activities following the training in health information/prevention and the establishment of teams of 20 volunteers in each district by the end of 2003. The ICRC has supported further training for these volunteers in First Aid skills during the reporting period, including two First Aid instructors from each of the national society's branches.

Impact

Trained Red Cross volunteers have continued to provide the community with health information for prevention of disease outbreaks. The PHAST and ARCHI tool kits will further enhance capacities of volunteers in community health mobilization.

Constraints

The recruitment process for the coordinator took longer than envisaged and this in turn delayed the start up process for eight months.

Organizational Development

Goal: Implementation of the characteristics of a well functioning national society has improved in the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti in the three areas: foundation, capacity and performance

Objective: The national society's institutional capacity and its progress towards operating as a well functioning national society is enhanced through Secretariat support

Progress

The national society had established Steering Committees in all of its six branches by March 2004, the last being in the new administrative region in Arta created by the Government in 2003. Close working relationship with the local authorities has seen the allocation of office premises and ensuing documentation for four of the six districts (in Dikhil, Ali-Sabieh, Tadjourah and Obok districts). Negotiations are ongoing for allocation of office space in Arta while the Djibouti City branch will continue to operate out of the national society's dispensary in Belbala.

Steering Committees continued to function in each district. At the time of reporting, the national society had not confirmed a schedule for district assemblies at which committees would be formally elected; consequently no date for the national assembly has been confirmed.

¹ PHAST – Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation

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The acquisition of a vehicle at the end of 2003 has enabled representatives of the National Committee and headquarters staff to visit branches more frequently and to provide some support to volunteers and branch steering committees.

Impact

The national society has a visible presence throughout the country and has teams of highly motivated volunteers carrying out health information activities on a regular basis. National Society offices act as a health information resource to their communities and provide a meeting venue for volunteers to plan and discuss their activities.

Constraints

Securing buildings in some districts took longer than expected hence some inconvenience was caused by minor repair works, particularly in Tadjourah and Obok into the first quarter of 2004

The lack of a confirmed schedule for local assemblies means that no plan for follow up to branch steering committees and volunteers is in place. Visits from headquarters to districts tended to be carried out on an ad hoc basis. The delay in establishing a date for the national general assembly raises some concerns about the commitment of the national society's leadership to building on the momentum created by the increased support from partners within and outside the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement over the last few years.

The Secretary General of the national society has not been available to lead the headquarters due to illness. Although the Deputy Secretary General is devoting a lot of time to Red Crescent affairs, his other commitments prevent him from doing this consistently. As a result, staff has not received sufficient guidance in their work.

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APPEAL No. 01.02/2004

PLEDGES RECEIVED

23/06/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				228,006		103.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				96,909		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT 2004				64,000	29.01.04	
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		47,500	EUR	74,836	09.03.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				235,745	CHF	103.4%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
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	