

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.11/2004; Programme Update no. 1; Period covered: January to June 2004;**  
**Appeal coverage: 12.7%; Outstanding needs: CHF 2,414,811 (USD 1,909,700 or EUR 1,579,350).**  
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**Appeal target: CHF 2,766,153 (USD 2,077,471 or EUR 1,780,594)**

#### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- [Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia: Angolan Returnees and Host-Community Care, Emergency Appeal 05/2004](#)

**Programme summary:** The [Angola Red Cross](#) continued to implement community-based health and care (CBHC) and disaster management particularly in mine awareness projects through out the country. With the provision of combined CBHC, Angola Red Cross embarked on activities for the control of epidemics, providing health education, mother and child health care, safe water, sanitation, hygiene and HIV/AIDS prevention. The prevention awareness is centred on promoting change in attitude and behaviour in sexual conduct and is aimed at building and expanding the national society capacity and volunteer base.

Additionally, there has been considerable promotion of the home-based health and care programmes for people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA). This has been a great achievement despite funding constraints. The Federation has continued to support a full-time health delegate to support the Angola Red Cross in pursuing its relations with national and international partners and other stakeholders to ensure effective service delivery.

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## **Operational developments**

It is now two years after the Luena Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the government of Angola and the main opposition party, UNITA<sup>1</sup>. This MoU facilitated the end of 27 years of fighting in Angola.

Angola is among the most vulnerable countries in the world with more than 63% of the population living below the poverty datum line and HIV/AIDS prevalence of 55% in 2001. Development is furthermore hampered by poor road network, lack of infrastructure and existence of land mines. The country's health situation is deteriorating and Angola has the world's highest infant and child mortality rates of 154 deaths per 1,000 births (Source: UN 2001).

Despite funding constraints, Angola Red Cross supported by the Danish and Norwegian Red Cross, through the Federation, continues to implement integrated community-based health and care (ICBHC) projects in Kwanza Sul province. Malaria prevention activities and distribution of insecticide treated Nets (ITNs) were also done in Kwanza Norte and Benguela provinces, whilst the HIV/AIDS prevention project supported by the Federation is being implemented in Kwanza Norte, Cabinda, Moxico, Uige and Zaire provinces. Spanish and French Red cross are supporting the Angola Red Cross in water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS, food security and health programmes on a bilateral basis in the provinces of Bie, Benguela, Bengo and Huambo.

## **Health and care**

**Goal: Sustainable improvement in the general health conditions of vulnerable communities, through the provision of combined community-based health care, safe water/sanitation/hygiene education and HIV and AIDS activities whilst, at the same time, building upon and expanding Angola Red Cross capacity and volunteer system in the entire country.**

**Objective: Provision of basic health care by Angola Red Cross, including community-based health activities, HIV and AIDS, water and sanitation programme in targeted communities, is improved and thus contributes to the mitigation of priority health problems.**

### **Community-based Health**

#### **Progress/Achievements**

#### **Expected result 1**

**The health awareness in the targeted vulnerable communities in ten provinces and communities surrounding the Angola Red Cross health posts is increased.**

During the reporting period, Angola Red Cross received several visits and had meetings with the ministry of health (MoH) at national, provincial and local levels in ten provinces aimed at mobilizing support for the Angola Red Cross health posts. The rehabilitation of health posts in Gabela, Assango and Conde in Kwanza Sul province is progressing well. The Angola Red Cross signed a formal cooperation agreement with Save the Children (USA) and Management Sciences for Health for providing all the basic equipment for this health post.

The Angola Red Cross supported by the Federation project delegate in Kwanza Sul has conducted health training for 100 volunteers and ten staff members on how to educate the community on personal and environmental hygiene and control of communicable diseases.

#### **Expected result 2**

**200 traditional midwives have received refresher training and had first aid kits supplies in ten provinces.**

The Angola Red Cross has been assigned by the municipality administrative director and local member of MoH to train 25 traditional midwives of Gabela, Assango and Conde municipalities. For the training the national society received the first donation of 25 traditional midwifery kits and 50 cleaning birth kits from UNFPA<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> UNITA - União Nacional para Independência Total de Angola

<sup>2</sup> UNFPA - UN Population Fund

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### **Expected result 3**

#### **100 volunteers and 300 caregivers and mothers are trained on proper feeding of children**

The Angola Red Cross supported by MoH has trained a total of 50 volunteers and 100 community caregivers in five provinces of Zaire, Uige, Kwanza Norte, Kwanza Sul and Benguela and has mobilized them to support child care activities at the national society's health posts in these provinces.

### **Expected result 4**

#### **50,000 households in targeted communities in ten provinces received information about general health education and common disease control activities.**

Angola Red Cross has deployed 150 volunteers for household visits in ten provinces. They made approximately 20,000 household visits and counselled 70,000 beneficiaries on health education, personal and environment hygiene, control of communicable diseases and provision of community first aid.

### **Expected result 5**

#### **Angola Red Cross is an active member of the interagency coordination committee and related coordination bodies.**

The Angola Red Cross is an active member of the interagency coordination committee and has been invited to all the national vaccination programme activities. The national society is one of the most important partners for the MoH in social mobilization activities.

### **Expected result 6**

#### **50,000 families in ten provinces reached and participated in community malaria prevention activities.**

With support of the Exxon Mobil Subsidiary/Esso Angola and the American Red Cross through the Federation, the Angola Red Cross has managed to establish and implement a community-based malaria prevention pilot project in Kwanza Norte and Benguela province. A total of 40 volunteers were identified and 20 of them have already been trained in malaria social mobilization and prevention activities. Communities in Camunda, Calomanga, Passagem and Chimabssi in Benguela and Ndalantando in Kwanza Norte has been mobilized for malaria interventions and they are planning to conduct a knowledge, attitude practice (KAP) survey for analysing the use of ITNs, before the 16,000 ITNs are distributed in July and August 2004.

### **Impact**

The Kwanza Sul integral health project has increased the knowledge on communicable diseases to a wider population group including Angola Red Cross staff and volunteers. The knowledge enables the Red Cross volunteers and staff to provide accurate information on how to prevent and respond to outbreaks of diseases and provide first aid at the community level.

The Angola Red Cross community-based health activities have enhanced visibility of the Red Cross at community level and have been able to re-establish contact with a wider local population.

### **Constraints**

The implementation of planned activities in another province was not possible due to shortfalls in funding and lack of donor support.

## **HIV/AIDS**

### **Progress/Achievements**

#### **Expected result 1**

#### **400,000 people (youth, defence forces, sex workers, long distance truck and bus driver and PLWHA) have been counselled and provided with information, education and communication material (IEC).**

During this period HIV/AIDS coaches, facilitators and youth peer educators were recruited and trained in HIV/AIDS prevention in seven of the ten provinces. Approximately 20 volunteers from each province attended the training.

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The Angola Red Cross received 150 educational posters for training and 1,000 preventive information booklets from UNICEF. The USAID/American government provided 90,000 condoms for distribution in the communities. The following statistics indicate what has been achieved under this expected result.

| Activity                         | Number |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Volunteers mobilized and trained | 120    |
| Provincial coordinators          | 6      |
| Prevention sessions performed    | 1,958  |
| Male participation               | 35,568 |
| Female participation             | 30,257 |
| Total number of participants     | 65,825 |
| Condoms distributed              | 77,118 |

The Angola Red Cross is an active member of the country coordinating mechanism (CCM) for the Global Fund and during this period managed to present a proposal to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS prevention.

### Impact

Awareness about HIV/AIDS in the communities of six provinces where Angola Red Cross has financial support has increased. Stigma and discrimination has been addressed through establishment of a well coordinated support activities in collaboration with the PLWHA national organization. There is close collaboration with other partners such as the UNAIDS, UNICEF, GOAL, ANASO, UNFPA and WHO.

### Constraints

The Angola Red Cross headquarter HIV/AIDS team does not have capacity to make follow up on all the activities in ten provinces, thus affecting progress in monitoring and expansion of the programme. There is a need to recruit more staff to assist the national headquarter staff and minimize on travel costs.

## Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion

### Progress/Achievements

#### Expected result 1

##### **The Angola Red Cross capacity in the provision of sustainable water and sanitation services is increased**

The regional water and sanitation (WatSan) programme continued to support to the activities in the Kwanza Sul integrated health and care programme through coordinating the mission of the Mozambique Red Cross WatSan hygiene promotion specialist to train the Angola Red Cross volunteers in Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST)<sup>3</sup>. The Mozambique Red Cross sent the Angola Red Cross the tool kit that they have developed for the PHAST process in Mozambique.

#### Expected result 2

##### **100 volunteers in three provinces are trained and mobilized in PHAST activities.**

During this period the Kwanza Sul project supported the training for 20 volunteers in PHAST subject. The national society has a cooperation agreement with Save the Children (USA) to identify water supply requirements in communities surrounding the Angola Red Cross health posts of Gabela, Conde and Assango, and to establish community management at three operational water points.

### Impact

WatSan activities have had a major impact on improved living conditions of the most vulnerable people in Kwanza Sul province. The integrated health and care programme approach conducted in Kwanza Sul province would be a good model for WatSan activities in other provinces.

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<sup>3</sup> PHAST – Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation

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### **Constraints**

There has been no funding through the Federation for the WatSan planned activities; such the activities detailed in the appeal have not been implemented. The safe water and sanitation coverage in Angola is very low and major interventions are urgently required in this field to improve the health and livelihoods of the vulnerable. However the management and governance problems of the Angola Red Cross require solving before the national society implements significant projects in the WatSan sector.

### **Disaster Management**

**Goal: The Angola Red Cross community-base mine awareness and education programme is strengthened through the development of integrated disaster mitigation, preparedness and response strategies, structure, systems, plans and activities according to the role defined for it by the government.**

**Objective: A sustainable improvement in the capacity of Angola Red Cross community-based mine awareness and education programme in seven provinces and the strengthening of Angola Red Cross capacity in order to respond to any disaster.**

### **Progress/Achievements**

#### **Expected result 1**

**Angola Red Cross provides effective and relevant services to the populations through its community-based mine awareness and education programme in seven provinces.**

During the reporting period the Angola Red Cross conducted awareness campaign on the dangers of landmines in Bie and Benguela provinces. In these areas, 40 volunteers conduct the activities related to mine awareness and education at their local level.

#### **Expected result 2**

**Vulnerability to land mines is reduced through the implementation of community-based mine awareness and education programmes.**

Between January and May 2004 the Angola Red Cross volunteers visited more than 100 communities in eight municipalities sensitizing over 8,600 vulnerable people through drama and songs. During the sessions the volunteers received information about unexploded ordinance (UXO) in the area from the local population. This information was transmitted to the authorities and organizations working in de-mining for them to take the necessary measures.

### **Impact**

The DM activities have contributed towards increasing Angola Red Cross response capacity and on improving the prevention of landmines accident. The communities' have also been strengthened to prevent accidents related to landmines

### **Constraints**

Due to the current lack of funding there are delays in the implementation of the DM activities, especially in disaster management training workshop for volunteers.

### **Organizational Development**

**Goal: The Angola Red Cross meets the characteristics of a well-functioning national society and is recognised and respected as a key national actor in the humanitarian sector in Angola, first and foremost by the Angolan people themselves and by the Government of Angola, but also by other national international humanitarian agencies.**

**Objective: The governance and management capacities to the Angola Red Cross at both headquarters and provincial branch levels strengthened, so as to meet the new emerging development needs and to actively support the government efforts in reconstructing the post-war Angola.**

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The situation in Angola Red Cross on organizational development came to a complete standstill in the first months of 2004. Planned provincial assemblies, already two years overdue, kept on being postponed. Due to the difficulties encountered in recruiting a finance director at the salary scale the national society was prepared to pay, the finance department remained closed, and accounts for 2000-2003 could not be closed, nor audited.

A new OD review was conducted in May 2004 that came up with a concrete plan of action, which the national society has started to implement. Whereas the bulk of expected results in the 2004 appeal have not been achieved, steps have been taken towards their implementation. A provincial assembly was held in Luanda province on 25 June 2004 and the Angola Red Cross governance is determined to continue holding provincial assemblies in all 18 provinces, culminating in a general assembly at the end of the year. The governance is also contemplating revising the constitution to guide management in reviving the national society. The governance is determined to see positive changes at the national society and have carried forward long overdue recommendations from various reviews conducted over recent years.

It is important that there is support for the reform processes at this critical point in time. There is an urgent need to mobilize funding to support a finance director to start putting accounts in order, close accounts for 2000-2003 and provide an overview of the financial situation. This is a precondition for the revival of the Angola Red Cross and its development to a well functioning national society.

### **Coordination, Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships**

**Goal: The Angola Red Cross and its partner national societies successfully achieve and effectively deliver their programmes and service in the four core areas.**

**Objectives: Effective and cohesive assistance for Angola Red Cross strategic priorities is assured and a balance between the different interests of the membership is held.**

The Federation delegation in Angola will act as a central coordinating and facilitating body for the Federation in the country. Coordination and collaboration with WHO, UNFPA, WFP, OCHA, UNAIDS, UNHCR, government of Angola and other national and international stakeholders have been strengthened through continuous dialogue and engagement at both the field and national level. The health delegate, accompanied by the programme coordinator and national health coordinator continue to participate in the inter-agency coordination committee (ICC).

A tripartite coordination meeting has also been established as a coordination and cooperation mechanism for the Angola Red Cross, the ICRC and the Federation to provide feedback and advice the Angola Red Cross on national programmes, governance and issues of common interest and concern.

Cooperation agreement negotiated and developed by the Angola Red Cross and Save Children (US) to strengthen the national society's health post services, and Angola Red Cross with Angolan National PLWHA Association, will be the key tool in the efforts to coordinate the HIV/AIDS activities.

The Southern Africa Partnership of Red Cross Societies (SAPRCS) forum remains the central regional coordinating body where learning and knowledge-sharing takes place. The Angola Red Cross will continue to participate in this forum. The Federation also supports the national society management and governance in areas such as facilitation of common positions on advocacy issues, general assembly process, integrity issues and development of financial structures.

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APPEAL No. 01.11/2004

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

02/07/2004

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
|-------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
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## CASH

|                                |  |         |     |           | TOTAL COVERAGE |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|-----|-----------|----------------|---|
| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> |  |         |     | 2,766,153 |                | 12.7%   |
| CASH CARRIED FORWARD           |  |         |     | 135,954   |                |   |
| AMERICAN - PRIVATE DONOR/RC    |  | 101,875 | USD | 127,242   | 29.12.03       | MALARIA CONTROL   |
| DANISH - GOVT                  |  |         |     | 63,103    | 02.04.04       | HEALTH DELEGATE   |
| NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC            |  | 132,500 | NOK | 25,043    | 25.04.04       | ORGANISATIONAL<br>DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER<br>PREPAREDNESS |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH     |  |         |     | 351,342   | CHF            | 12.7%   |

## 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  |         |