

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.23/2004; Programme Update no. 01, Period covered: January to June 2004;
Appeal coverage: 21.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 112,717 (USD 89,100 or EUR 73,700).
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Appeal target: CHF 142,716 (USD 107,184 or EUR 91,867)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: [Mano River sub-regional programmes Appeal 01.27/2004](#)

Programme summary: Apart from the ICRC and the Spanish Red Cross, which are implementing a health project, there is no real presence of other partners of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Guinea-Bissau. The Federation Mano River sub-regional office – based in Abidjan - has been doing its best to support the [Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau](#), considering that it did not receive adequate funds. It is proving to be a great challenge to revive it. Guinea-Bissau is one of the poorest countries of the sub-region. The lack of funding has heavily impacted the lives of vulnerable persons and increases their vulnerability. In addition to providing support and assistance in areas such as HIV/AIDS and community health, the national society needs technical and financial support to enable it regain its stand.

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This Programme Update reflects activities to be implemented over a one-year period. This forms part of, and is based on, longer-term, multi-year planning (refer below to access the detailed logframe documents).

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Operational developments

This national society has been one of those forgotten national societies, and has remained outside the donor pool to date (including the Federation). The Mano River sub-regional office, however, has identified as one of its major and very first priorities to renew strong relations and a new way of cooperation with the national society. The Federation sent a consultant in July 2003 to help the national society define a new strategic development plan which could be proposed and accepted at the 2003 general assembly.

The Federation has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Red Cross Society of Guinea (Conakry) and the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau; this has fostered a closer coaching, knowledge sharing and trans-border activities. Lusophone national societies will be included in the training process for governance and management.

The national society continues to undertake several activities at its state-run health centre, which include follow-up sessions for pregnant women in the areas of HIV/AIDS as well as mother/child health care. The Federation provided the national society with technical assistance in preparing the Annual Appeal but none of the programmes received any funding.

Health and Care

HIV/AIDS Project

Goal: Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has contributed to the reduction of HIV/AIDS prevalence in Guinea-Bissau.

Objective: The knowledge of youth and women in STI/AIDS is increased and blood donation sensitization capacity of the national society improved by 2005.

Expected Results

- At least 60% of youth and women in the project zone have increased knowledge in STI/AIDS by the end of December 2005
- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau is equipped in sensitization material on STI/AIDS and benevolent blood donation.

No activities were carried under this programme due to lack of funding.

Organizational Development

Goal: Help the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau become a well-functioning national society.

Objective: To build and strengthen the national society's governance and management capacity to enhance its potential to becoming a well-functioning national society.

Expected Results

- Completion and agreement of a well-coordinated Cooperation Agreements Strategy (CAS) resulting in a partners' meeting.
- Adoption and implementation of good governance practices in local/regional committees.
- Increased knowledge of the fundamental principles, structure and strategies of the Movement within the branches; implementation of the national society's decentralization process; governance and integrity issues are addressed.
- Implementing of all training sessions at national and branch level (project planning process (PPP), finance, reporting, good governance, non-discrimination including the promotion of humanitarian values through the youth

No activities were carried out in this programme due to lack of funding.

Coordination, Cooperation, and Strategic Partnerships

Goal: The capacity of the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau is evaluated and strengthened through personalized, specialized and adapted training programmes.

Objective: Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau receives direct technical and material support in the formulation, implementation and reporting on projects in 2004-2007.

Expected Results

- The capacity of the national society is reinforced through adapted and personalized training.
- The quality of service provided to vulnerable population is improved.
- The image of all the national society as an auxiliary of its government is enhanced
- The national society will scrupulously ensure its financial reports and programme narratives are result-based and timely.
- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau gets involved in knowledge sharing with other Societies in the region

The Federation sub-regional office in Abidjan, in conjunction with the ICRC in Bissau and the ICRC Delegation in Dakar, provided necessary support to enable it to conduct elections through a General Assembly.

The country is currently undergoing a comprehensive change process in which the new leaders have demonstrated willingness for positive changes, at governance and management levels.

Despite the fact that this national society has not received funding for its activities since the beginning of 2004, it has developed an Action Plan. It envisages implementing its programmes with funds from the Federation Capacity Building Fund, which represents only 45% of its real monetary needs.

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APPEAL No. 01.23/2004

PLEDGES RECEIVED

23/06/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				142,717		21.0%
CBF				30,000	03.03.04	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				30,000	CHF	21.0%

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	