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GUINEA-BISSAU

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In Brief

Appeal No.: 01.23/2004 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/012304.pdf

Appeal target: CHF 142,717 (USD 107,184 or EUR 91,867)

Appeal coverage: 21.0% ([Click here to access the final financial report](#))

Appeal 2005: Guinea-Bissau no. 05AA020 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA020.pdf

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Overall analysis of the programme

The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau¹ has been one of those forgotten national societies that remain outside the donor pool: the national society lacks statutes, internal regulations, and a cooperation agreement strategy (CAS). The last General Assembly was held in 1999. The government had imposed a president on the national society against the Movement's principles thereby compromising its independence. All activities with the Federation were put on hold; bilateral activities with ICRC and Spanish Red Cross continued. In 2004, the Federation Mano River sub-regional office revived this national society through the capacity building fund by organizing several missions to the national society, some of which were done in collaboration with the ICRC-Bissau, ICRC-Dakar and the bilateral Spanish Red Cross office. The missions revealed several institutional and organizational problems requiring urgent solutions. Based on recommendations, a consultant was engaged in 2003 to assist the national society to:

- organize a General Assembly and the election of a new Chairman and
- draw up a three-year Strategic Development Plan.

In conformity to the statutes, a new governance and management were put in place for the national society. The ICRC head of delegation and the Federation head of Mano River sub-regional office attended the General Assembly. Ten regional committees organised their regional assembly and renewed their organs and finalised proposition of the statutes.

¹ Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=183>

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Two people from the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau undertook exchange visits to Abidjan to join other national societies of the sub-region in the appeal planning process in April 2004. The regional reporting officer supported the national societies in preparing their appeals and briefed them on Federation reporting standards. Furthermore, the organizational development department of the Mano River sub-regional office held a 5-day good governance workshop in Bissau 29 November-4 December. Strong relations have now been developed between the national society and the Federation. With technical support from the Federation, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was drafted between the Red Cross Society of Guinea and the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau to foster closer coaching, knowledge sharing and cross-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 and mother/child health care. The Federation provided the national society with technical assistance in preparing the 2005 Annual Appeal; however, none of the programmes received any funding in 2004.

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.

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.

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.

The Federation sub-regional office in Abidjan, in conjunction with ICRC-Bissau and ICRC-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 lack of funding for activities in 2004, the national society 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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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
Appeal	M04AA023
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Budget (A)	105'850			36'866		142'717
Opening Balance (B)	0			-181		-181
Income						
Cash contributions						
Capacity Building Fund				30'000		30'000
Other	0					0
Cash contributions (C1)	0			30'000		30'000
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C5)	0			30'000		30'000
Total Funding (B + C)	0			29'819		29'819

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)	0			-181		-181
Income (C)	0			30'000		30'000
Expenditure (D)				-24'088		-24'088
Closing Balance (B + C + D)	0			5'731		5'731

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance A - B
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	
BUDGET (C)		105'850			36'866		142'717	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	2'625							2'625
Teaching Materials	775							775
Other Supplies & Services	750							750
Total Supplies	4'150							4'150
Capital Expenditure								
Vehicles	3'000							3'000
Computers & Telecom	5'500							5'500
Total Capital Expenditure	8'500							8'500
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	7'636				608		608	7'028
Total Transport & Storage	7'636				608		608	7'028
Personnel Expenditures								
Regionally Deployed Staff	29'050							29'050
National & National Society Staff					5		5	-5
Total Personnel Expenditures	29'050				5		5	29'046
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	51'777				6'414		6'414	45'363
Total Workshops & Training	51'777				6'414		6'414	45'363
General Expenditure								
Travel	3'324				3'967		3'967	-644
Information & Public Relation	575				219		219	356
Office Costs	13'608				1'149		1'149	12'459
Communications	14'820				145		145	14'675
Financial Charges					545		545	-545
Other General Expenses					1'006		1'006	-1'006
Total General Expenditure	32'327				7'032		7'032	25'295
Program Support								
Program Support	9'277				1'566		1'566	7'711
Total Program Support	9'277				1'566		1'566	7'711
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions					8'464		8'464	-8'464
Total Operational Provisions					8'464		8'464	-8'464
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	142'717				24'088		24'088	118'629
VARIANCE (C - D)		105'850			12'778		118'629	