

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

## BENIN

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.28/2004; Programme Update no. 2, Period covered: May to October 2004; Appeal coverage: 62.3%; Outstanding needs: CHF 30,607 (USD 25,500 or EUR 20,000).**

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**Appeal target: CHF 81,191 (USD 60,977 or EUR 52,263)**

#### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- **2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA025: Nigeria sub-regional programmes (includes Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo)** – [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA025.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA025.pdf)

**Programme summary:** The decree re-validation meeting of the Red Cross of Benin<sup>1</sup> was concluded successfully confirming the neutrality and independence of the Red Cross of Benin. The Ministry of Health of Benin, the ICRC-Abidjan, the Red Cross of Benin and the Lagos office of the Federation played key roles in the realization of the decree. It is hoped that the Government of Benin will endorse the proposed decree of the national society.

The planned financial and management audit of the national society is also making progress. A reputable auditor, Ernst and Young, has been selected and a contract has been drafted to commence the audit. The ICRC and the Federation agreed to equally share the cost of the audit. The audit report is expected to be presented to the Extra Ordinary meeting of the society scheduled in December 2004. All other programme support to the Red Cross of Benin has been suspended pending the outcome of the audit.

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<sup>1</sup> Red Cross of Benin – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=209>

## **Operational developments**

The Red Cross of Benin conducted a meeting for its governance in August to review its statutes and to take practical actions to resolve differences in its governance body. Both the ICRC and the Federation were not invited to the meeting. Preparations have been done to undertake both the financial and management audit of the national society. The President and the Secretary General of the national society attended a 2-day Lagos Working Group meeting from 28-30 September, 2004 in Lagos.

## **Organizational Development**

**Goal: The organizational capacity of the Red cross of Benin is strengthened to provide efficient and effective services to improve the lives of the vulnerable people**

**Objective: The governance and management of the national society is strengthened to provide improved leadership to raise local resources and deliver services to the needs of the vulnerable people in the community.**

### **Progress:**

A Decree re-validation meeting of the Red Cross of Benin was held in Cotonou in June 2004. All partners including the MoH, government representatives, ICRC and the Federation agreed on a revised decree to protect the neutrality and independence of the Red Cross of Benin. The Decree would be presented to the Government of Benin for approval.

Preparations to undertake the planned Management and Financial Audit of the Red Cross of Benin are complete. Terms of Reference (TOR) prepared and agreed, an external auditor selected, and a contract has been drafted to commence the audit of the Red Cross of Benin. The audit report is expected to be presented to the extra ordinary meeting of the Red Cross of Benin in December 2004 to decide on the future direction of the national society.

### **Impact:**

Internal conflicts have negatively impacted the progress of the Red Cross of Benin. Programs and services supported by the Federation and partners have been temporarily suspended pending a scheduled management and financial audit.

*[Contributions list below; click here to return to the title page and contact information.](#)*

APPEAL No. 01.28/2004

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

01/12/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				81,191		62.3%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				31,470		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT 2004				19,000	29.01.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SAUDI ARABIA - PRIVATE DONOR		90	USD	114	09.06.04	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				50,584	CHF	62.3%

## 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	