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In Brief

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Overall analysis of the programme

In 2004, the Togolese Red Cross¹ strengthened its HIV/AIDS prevention program through peer education, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) with the support of its strong volunteer network. The national society's fight against stigmatization and protection of PLWHA rights has remained a top priority, thereby improving access to treatment through anti-retroviral treatment (ART).

Further more, the Togolese Red Cross intensified its awareness and prevention programme amongst the most high-risk populations - youth, particularly girls and women. It scaled up HIV/AIDS activities to 125 new localities in Central region, 75 in Maritime region and 50 in Kara region, with the Federation and Danish Red Cross support. Activities in 2004 included promotion of effective HIV/AIDS voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) services. Similarly, it broadened its partnership network through increased collaboration at all levels - with the National Coordination of the Fight against AIDS (CNLS); the National Program of Fight against AIDS (PNLS); the regional UNAIDS offices, the Lagos-Abidjan Corridor Project and other local associations/NGOs. The Togolese Red Cross launched a new web site to promote its HIV/AIDS programme.

¹ Togolese Red Cross – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=170>

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Beyond the HIV/AIDS activities, the Togolese Red Cross remained active in morbidity and mortality reduction in Togo through measles and polio vaccination campaigns, and through distribution of ITN and mebendazole. Please refer to:

- Appeal 10/2004, Measles and Malaria: Focus on Action in Togo dated April 2004 (http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?04/1004ProgInitMal&MeasTogo.pdf), and
- Programme Update no. 1: Focus on Action in Togo dated 19 November 2004 (Appeal renamed Malaria and Integrated Community Interventions) - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?04/100401Togo.pdf

Health and care

Goal: The prevalence of STI/HIV/AIDS among the country's vulnerable population is reduced.

Objective: The Togolese Red Cross management and volunteer capacity is improved contributing to the reduction of the national HIV/AIDS/STI prevalence rate to below 6 per cent.

Expected Result 1: Knowledge on reproductive health and the prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS is reinforced.

Obtained results

- Trained 425 new peer educators' coordinators are (APE) deployed to 50 new localities: Lomé – Commune, Maritime, Kara and in 75 localities of the Central region.
- Enhanced volunteer management through support from the local and district coaches.
- Updated, reproduced and distributed 2050 educational equipment games and other volunteer management tools in the Maritime, Central and Kara regions.
- Peer educators reached 158,500 youths and women through practical and educational meetings.
- Organized various socio-cultural activities for public sensitization of HIV/AIDS (Table 1) on World Red Cross and World AIDS Day in 2004. Children of the Togolese Red Cross kindergarten organized a drama sketch on HIV/AIDS and Henry Dunant.
- Participated in a number of other activities including mobilization of an estimated 32,000 children nationwide; organization of the Lesson of Life for the promotion of child health/development.
 - The children involved in the project wrote 1070 new stories.
 - The Togolese Red Cross reached all its targeted persons and institutions at the regional and district levels.
 - The programme reinforced children's knowledge of HIV/AIDS.
 - Several volunteer groups increased their HIV/AIDS activities following the event.

Table 1. Summary of Togolese Red Cross awareness activities, 2004

Programme Activities	Number of persons involved	Partners	Areas
Walk	2,000	Coaches and Red Cross branches	Tsévié, Vogan Tabligbo
Discussions/Debates	200	Red Cross Branches	Assahoun, Hahotoé
World AIDS Day 2004	5,000	UNAIDS, CNLS	Anié (Atakpamé)
Radio Programme	Unspecified	Radio Maria	Lomé
Friendly Meals	70 PLWHA/ 30 OVC	RAS+, CNLS	Lomé
Football Tournament	900	Female Football clubs	Assahoun
Lesson of Life: World Movement for Children	5,000	CNLS, PNLs, Care international, Plan Togo, UNICEF, WAO Africa, ATBEF, DJASE,	Kozah Region Savannes Region
Lagos-Abidjan Corridor project	15,000	CNLS, PNLs, EVT, AMC, FAMME	Hillacondji Axes-Aflao Border
Discussion/Debates	60	College School Club	Agbaléoédo College
Cross country ; Dance/ Folklore with key messages	Unspecified	Direction sante, Plan Togo, ATBEF	Central Region

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The Togolese Red Cross increased its social marketing of condom to reinforce sensitisation and promote effective and consistent use of condoms obtained through PSI Togo and volunteers at all levels. It sold approximately 460,800 male condoms and 7,904 female condoms.

Impact

- Increased volunteer activities in STI/HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support.
- Increased reporting and monitoring of activities.
- Increased availability of tools and materials for volunteers within the HIV/AIDS prevention programme.
- More public awareness among women associations and sensitized young girls.
- Renewed participants' commitment to educate young girls to increase their decision making skills.
- Strong enthusiasm towards the lesson of life based on the commitments and concrete activities suggested by the participating children.
- Strong mobilization of authorities, partners and teachers in all the regions.
- Increased community demand for condoms.

Expected Result 2: The number of volunteer blood donors and volunteers is increased

Obtained results and impact

- Increased volunteer blood donors and volunteers particularly in the Central region and Lomé commune.
- Increased community sensitization through the APE, PE and other volunteers.
- Organized at least eight volunteer blood donor clubs especially in the Gulf district, Lomé and Sokode.
- Held three workshops with 91 volunteer blood donors.
- Developed and distributed information, education and communication (IEC) materials.
- Organized activities for the World Blood Donor Day to motivate volunteer blood donors.
- Organized eight meetings with the APDSBT (Association for Volunteer Promotion) and the Lomé Central Hospital University (CHU) blood bank's Director.
- Established nine volunteer blood donors' clubs in the sanitary regions of Maritime Lomé.

Challenges

- Lack of reagents at the blood transfusion centres.
- Inadequate motivation of volunteer blood donors leads to frustration.
- Difficulty in mobilisation in the rural areas.

Expected Result 3: Care and support is given to PLWHA and their affected families including the vulnerable children.

Obtained results

Home visiting to PLWHA

- Weekly visits from a technical team and the 'community home-based care-givers' (CHBC)/counsellors to PLWHA. This program started in Lomé and expanded to the Central region (financed by Swiss Red Cross). It involves 194 HIV/AIDS-affected widows and more than 200 PLWHA. The services include medical consultations, advice on hygiene and nutrition and counselling.
- Monthly meetings with the widows.
The last Friday of each month, the widows met and discussed their emotions, feelings and difficulties. Support is given on different topics including:
 - Avoidance of water-related diseases including diarrhoea
 - Protection against/early treatment for malaria
 - Adherence to prescribed treatment
 - Correct consistent utilisation of condoms
 - Communication within the family

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“Friendly meals”

- Organized friendly meals each calendar quarter and on special days such as World Red Cross and World AIDS Day with Togolese Red Cross volunteers and staff to reinforce group solidarity and fight against PLWHA discrimination/stigmatization.

Visit of the UNAIDS representative

- In November, the UNAIDS representative organized a field visit to Adidogome, Gbeinkome and Hahotoe, to support the PLWHA activities.

Table 2: Summary of consultations, Togolese Red Cross/Medical Centre programme for PLWHA, 2004

Group	Month (2004)	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
New cases of PLWHA		9	11	24	13	29	8	18	18	0	8	10	10	158
Revisits of PLWHA		15	26	13	22	45	41	39	41	24	16	52	15	349
Partners of PLWHA		3		11	3	9	4	7	3	0	0	3	0	43
VCT		20	24	9	61	27	16	16	17	4	6	20	8	228
Pregnant PLWHA						1	2							3
Total consulted		47	61	57	99	111	71	80	79	28	30	85	33	781

Impact

- Increased PLWHA support through weekly home visits in Lomé and Sokodé.
- Increased opportunity for discussions and support through organized friendly meals and monthly meetings with PLWHA.
- Increased Togolese Red Cross visibility leading to expanded partnerships.

Challenges

- Inadequate CHBC/Counsellors for the number of PLWHA.
- Inability of CHBC/Counsellors to offer financial and other support.
- Inadequate support for care givers.
- Reluctance of most PLWHA to communicate their status with their families

Income generation for PLWHA

The Togolese Red Cross provided CFA 35,000 per person to 105 HIV/AIDS-affected widows as financial support for two years (April 2002 to April 2004), with the following objectives:

- To allow the widows create or reinforce their income generation activities;
- To advise them regarding the different marketing and accounting techniques
- To facilitate independence

The participants chose varied activities, some involving products marketing such as cereals, beans, vegetables, citrus fruits, fruit, fish, meat, cans of preserves, coal, clothing and other items.

Impact

- Substantial improvement of economical income and life conditions
- Social integration and reduction of self stigmatization
- Reduction of related psychological problems due to discrimination

Challenges

- Provision of essential medicines
- Provision of adequate HIV VCT support
- Support from the social services
- Insufficient nutritional support available
- Refusal for hospitalisation due to by lack of financial means
- Lack of basic equipment for the CHBC

Organizational Development

Goal: The Togolese Red Cross has enhanced its capacity to deliver services to improve the lives of the vulnerable in Togo.

Objective: The management and volunteer structure of the Togolese Red Cross is improved to deliver HIV/AIDS/STD programme and contribute to the reduction of the general prevalence rate below 6% in the country.

Expected result: The management of the AIDS programme is assured and partnership with other actors is reinforced:

Obtained results

- Considered gender and cultural sensitivity in the selection, recruitment and training for volunteers. This is also considered in the production of educational equipment and methods for each target group.
- Selected the Togolese Red Cross national HIV coordinator as the regional representative in 2004 of the Regional AIDS Network of West and Central Africa (RANWAC).
- Gained experience through its coordinator's participation in a number of major events including the International HIV/AIDS conference in Bangkok and the Federation-supported AIDS competence workshop in Cameroon.
- Contributed to the drawing up of care givers' guidelines for the Federation's working group. The Swiss Red Cross supported the Togolese Red Cross HIV coordinator in a Memory Action Project (MAP) workshop in Zimbabwe in September.
- Provided a forum to discuss planned activities and collaborative efforts including World AIDS Day 2004. The Togolese Red Cross participates in all national and local initiatives with UNAIDS and other agencies. A collaboration framework is being finalised with GTZ, Plan Togo and PLAN INTERNATIONAL.
- Maintained contact and collaboration with the CNLS and the University of Lomé.
- Participated in a workshop for Peace Corp volunteers with the Swiss Red Cross.
- Provided needed equipment and back up human resources for several NGOs' HIV/AIDS activities.
- Continued close working relationship with the regional partners, NGOs and the UN.
- Shared experiences with the HIV/AIDS programme coordinator in Ghana and received the Sierra Leone Red Cross' Health and HIV coordinators in November. The senior health officer from Nigeria Red Cross and Ghana Red Cross Societies had the opportunity to meet with staff and volunteers during a mission to visit the integrated campaign in December 2004.
- Gained technical advice and support from the Lagos regional office for the integrated campaign. Logistical support was provided including vehicles and communication equipment.

Impact

- Increased volunteer motivation.
- Gained knowledge from workshop participation, information sharing and exchange visits.
- Obtained financial support from regional directions of the GFATM (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) for Togolese Red Cross regional coordinators in Kara, Savannahs and Central regions. The partnership is a mobilization pledge of local funds, visibility of action of the Togolese Red Cross.
- Facilitated community mobilization through volunteer commitment and requires a strategy for change of certain traditional harmful practices.
- Reinforced solidarity and efficiency through volunteer actions.
- Increased visibility as an active partner in the integrated campaign against HIV/AIDS.

Challenges

The need to improve relations with religious groups and establish new partnerships.

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Recommendations

- Adherence to the ARCHI 2010 to ensure volunteer commitment and action.
- Ensure national coverage of all the sanitary districts through its volunteer network.
- Reinforce local and district coach's capacity to ensure network monitoring and evaluation.
- Maintain activities commenced in 2004 in accordance with the logical framework and organize self-evaluation in AIDS competence in all the localities to provide critical analysis of contribution to the HIV/AIDS activities.
- Undertake a workshop for CHBC counsellors to ensure PLWHA, their families and their care-givers receive the most effective services.
- Maintain blood donors' networks and voluntary blood screening reinforcement in 2005.

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
Appeal	M04AA030
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)	285'258			91'444		376'701
Opening Balance (B)	105'402			0		105'402
Income						
Cash contributions						
Other	0			0		0
Cash contributions (C1)	0			0		0
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C5)	0			0		0
Total Funding (B + C)	105'402			0		105'402

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)	105'402			0		105'402
Income (C)	0			0		0
Expenditure (D)	-85'343			-12'786		-98'129
Closing Balance (B + C + D)	20'059			-12'786		7'273

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)		285'258			91'444		376'701	
Supplies								
Medical & First Aid	19'738							19'738
Total Supplies	19'738							19'738
Capital Expenditure								
Computers & Telecom	5'000							5'000
Total Capital Expenditure	5'000							5'000
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	46'950	425				425		46'525
Total Transport & Storage	46'950	425				425		46'525
Personnel Expenditures								
Regionally Deployed Staff	15'250							15'250
National & National Society Staff		12'425				12'425		-12'425
Total Personnel Expenditures	15'250	12'425				12'425		2'825
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	217'766	35'487				35'487		182'279
Total Workshops & Training	217'766	35'487				35'487		182'279
General Expenditure								
Travel	28'100	15'744				15'744		12'356
Information & Public Relation		30'855				30'855		-30'855
Office Costs	14'900	2'308				2'308		12'592
Communications	4'512	1'343				1'343		3'169
Financial Charges		5'286				5'286		-5'286
Other General Expenses		1'126				1'126		-1'126
Total General Expenditure	47'512	56'663				56'663		-9'150
Program Support								
Program Support	24'486	5'547			831	6'378		18'107
Total Program Support	24'486	5'547			831	6'378		18'107
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		-25'205			11'955	-13'250		13'250
Total Operational Provisions		-25'205			11'955	-13'250		13'250
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	376'701	85'343			12'786	98'129		278'573
VARIANCE (C - D)		199'914			78'658	278'573		