

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.33/2004; Programme Update no.1; Period covered: 01 January to 15 June 2004;

Appeal coverage: 111.2%; Outstanding needs : none.

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Appeal target: CHF 61,743 (USD 46,371 or EUR 39,744).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: [Sahel Sub-Regional Programmes Appeal no. 01.39/2004](#)

Programme summary: The [Red Cross of Cape Verde](#) continues successfully with its usual self-supported programming targeted at the country's most vulnerable persons (girls, the elderly and the disabled among others). The regional office is proceeding to finalize its financial management systems development programme (under the 2003 appeal) with the national society. A new plan for the food security project has been developed, focusing on improving environmental awareness and nutrition amongst 7,500 school children on Santiago Island. The national society held its 7th General Assembly in June which resulted in the re-election of its president.

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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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Context and Operational Development

Even though dry conditions still prevail in Cape Verde, the Gambia and Mauritania, as revealed in the FAO report, the rainy season in the Sahel region has begun, and has taken to following normal trends. Given last year's bumper harvest, optimism is high on seeds' availability as the maize planting season begins this July on the main Cape Verdian islands. Nonetheless, caution is still required for this tiny food producer.

Cape Verde; Appeal no. 01.33/2004; Programme Update no. 1.

The Red Cross of Cape Verde recently conducted its 7th General Assembly in Praia on 5 June re-electing the incumbent President, Dr. Eloise Evora and Dr. Dario Santos Dos Reis, a former president, as First Vice-President.

While not officially part of the 2004 annual appeal, work continued on the uncompleted Federation-supported financial development programme launched in 2002. In May, the national society purchased its new accounting software, installed it along with a server and signed an annual maintenance contract with a local supplier.

A member of the national society's Board attended the third and final module of the francophone Executive Leadership Development Programme in Geneva in March. The representative was subsequently re-elected to the Board during the national society's General Assembly elections early June.

The last minute flight cancellations made it impossible for the national society to be present at the West and Central Africa Partners Meeting held in Accra, Ghana, 1-3 March.

Disaster Management

Goal: The Federation's "Characteristics of a Well-Prepared National Society" has become a reference working document for Disaster Preparedness and Response personnel of different national societies.

Objective: Vulnerable communities respond in the short and medium term to food insecurity.

Progress/Achievements

The national society has experienced numerous delays in refining its original food security proposals, perceived to be too focused on distribution and inadequately directed at developing self-sufficiency. The FAO experiences in Cape Verde reveal that vegetable and fruit gardening, as well as small scale animal husbandry constitute the best options for re-enforcing food security. Consequently, the Red Cross of Cape Verde has developed a new, more appropriate project proposal in addressing the root cause of food insecurity and contributing to the direct improvement of the nutritional situation of 7,500 school children. The project will receive technical support from ACIDI-VOCA, a Cape Verdian-based NGO, experienced in this domain, in collaboration with the Education Ministry between the 2004-2006 school years.

Thus, while the 2004 disaster preparedness appeal's goal remains unchanged, the new expected results are as follows:

- A total of 7,500 school children and their teachers in 10 primary schools on the Santiago Island are sensitized on environmental conservation and trained in techniques of small scale vegetable gardening.
- These 7,500 school children benefit directly from improved nutritional status through introduction of the vegetable garden harvests estimated at an annual 250 kg per 100 square metres into their daily diet.

The national society will now proceed to sign cooperation agreements with the Ministry of Health and ACIDI/VOCA for the selection of schools and the required technical assistance, procure seeds and other materials and prepare to launch the programme in the coming school year.

Impact

It is too early to draw conclusions on the project's impact.

Constraints

The revision of the food security project has been quite challenging for the national society partly because of limited human resources both at the national society and regional levels, as well as the specific context in which the national society operates, already described in the 2004 appeal and 2003 annual report. Given the irregular food security situation in the country, the Federation continues to support the national society in this area as part of commitments of the [Ouagadougou Declaration](#).

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DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

					TOTAL COVERAGE	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				61,743		111.2%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				68,664		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				68,664	CHF	111.2%

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	