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In Brief

Appeal No.: 01.33/2004 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/013304.pdf

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

Appeal coverage: 111.2% ([Click here to access the final financial report](#))

Appeal 2005: Cape Verde no. 05AA027 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA027.pdf

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Overall analysis of the programme

In 2004, the Red Cross of Cape Verde¹ carried out its traditional activities of assisting vulnerable communities such as the elderly, the handicapped and young women. It also managed seven community-based kindergartens and plans to open another structure in Sao Felipe on the island of Fogo.

Furthermore, the national society implemented a project providing help, counselling services and medication to drug addicts and HIV/AIDS patients on the Island of Sao Vicente. Families of PLWHA² as well as orphans benefited from the counselling services. This project involves organized meetings with PLWHA, their affected families, volunteers, a psychologist and a general practitioner. During these meetings, participants are acquainted with the personal and socio-economic implications of HIV/AIDS and aim to find ways of improving the conditions for sufferers.

Also within the framework of the fight against HIV/AIDS, the national society organized various training sessions for volunteer trainers to enhance their knowledge of the infection to enable them work with vulnerable groups such as prisoners and elementary and high school students. Company directors and two high school teachers have also carried out identical trainings.

¹ Red Cross of Cape Verde – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=43>

² PLWHA – Persons living with HIV/AIDS, also referred to as PLHIV.

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In addition, the Red Cross of Cape Verde organized diverse first-aid training seminars as well as disaster response and preparedness workshops with ICRC support. The programme targeted volunteers, local branch staff and other civil protection agents in the country. The national society also carried out several simulation exercises for accidents or man-made disasters in partnership with the National Service of Civil Protection.

Similarly, with the ICRC support, the Red Cross of Cape Verde held two volunteer training and diffusion workshops on International Human Rights and the Movement's Fundamental Principles. The first was held in Praia in July, and the second in Ribera Grande in September.

The national society held its 7th General Assembly in June 2004 and proceeded to elect a new board without any major changes. Although the Red Cross of Cape Verde draws more than 75% of its income from lucrative activities and benefits from relative financial independence, it still comes up against three major challenges regarding its internal organization: strengthening management capacity, implementing a volunteer-management policy and developing local branches. However, emphasis is presently on capacity building and food security development with the Federation and the Spanish Red Cross bilateral support.

Cape Verde suffered its first locust invasion in August with a second wave of larger swarms arriving late September. Even in a good year, the country barely produces a fraction of its national food consumption. A combination of poor rainfall and locust damage to the harvested crops further aggravated the shortages, leading to an expected low maize production, the only cereal cultivated in Cape Verde. A joint FAO/WFP/CILSS³ evaluation mission of crops and food provisions estimates maize production at 4,042 MT, a third of the total production in 2003. Beans and potato production are also likely to fall below average. Although the country imports a large part of its consumption in a normal year, the rural population, particularly in the semi-dry zones, will be affected. The Red Cross of Cape Verde is starting to implement a programme addressing the root cause of food insecurity; this programme directly improves the nutritional situation of 7,500 school children.

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.

Achievements

- Finalized a three-year programme designed to directly improve the food situation of 7,500 students this year. A Cap-Verde-based NGO, the ACDI-VOCA, provided technical support while the Education Ministry involved in the program implementation since the 2004/2005 academic session, will continue its assist to the national society in 2006.
- Established two pilot vegetable garden projects in 13 elementary schools. Professionals from the ACDI-VOCA provided training sessions on plant care and agricultural techniques for students, teachers and volunteers.

Impact

- The food security program for students allows the Cape Verde RC to direct its activities toward food self-sufficiency with the vegetable and fruit gardening projects as well as animal production at a reduced level.
- The creation of vegetable gardens in elementary schools guarantees a balanced nutritional status for students and exposes them to environmental issues as well as agricultural skills.

³ CILSS - Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel

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Constraints

The programme's implementation suffered delays due to the project's redefinition which is now in its first operational stage.

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
Appeal	M04AA033
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)		61'743				61'743
Opening Balance (B)		68'664				68'664
Income						
Cash contributions						
Other		0				0
Cash contributions (C1)		0				0
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C5)		0				0
Total Funding (B + C)		68'664				68'664

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)		68'664				68'664
Income (C)		0				0
Expenditure (D)		-46'801				-46'801
Closing Balance (B + C + D)		21'863				21'863

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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)		61'743					61'743	
Supplies								
Food	42'120							42'120
Total Supplies	42'120							42'120
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1'518							1'518
Total Transport & Storage	1'518							1'518
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegate Benefits			2'306				2'306	-2'306
Regionally Deployed Staff	8'876							8'876
National & National Society Staff			7'504				7'504	-7'504
Consultants			2'141				2'141	-2'141
Total Personnel Expenditures	8'876		11'952				11'952	-3'076
General Expenditure								
Travel	1'706		12'633				12'633	-10'927
Office Costs	3'510							3'510
Communications			1'872				1'872	-1'872
Financial Charges			34				34	-34
Total General Expenditure	5'216		14'539				14'539	-9'323
Program Support								
Program Support	4'013		3'042				3'042	971
Total Program Support	4'013		3'042				3'042	971
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			17'268				17'268	-17'268
Total Operational Provisions			17'268				17'268	-17'268
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	61'743		46'801				46'801	14'942
VARIANCE (C - D)			14'942				14'942	