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In Brief

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Overall analysis of the programme

In 2004, the Mauritanian Red Crescent¹ initiated a cooperation agreement strategy (CAS) process through a four-year activity assessment, and designed its 2005-2008 strategic planning. The national society also increased its programmes management and partnership development with creation of the Secretary General's position for one year. This position was financed through the Capacity Building Fund.

Furthermore, the ARCHI 2010 process was adapted during a workshop held in May which brought together all the key Mauritanian Red Crescent partners. In December, an HIV/AIDS testing and treatment center opened with French Red Cross bilateral support. The new treatment center in the capital Nouakchott is expected to offer HIV testing, free medical and psychological welfare services as well as nutritional support for people living with HIV/AIDS.

An education and nutritional supervision programme has been implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Services and WFP and an emergency aid programme has also been carried out in the regions of Adrar and Trarza where food supply is at risk. Also, emergency items and impregnated mosquito net distribution took place in Trarza and Brakna. These programmes made it possible to assist 18,000 people in the regions cited above.

¹ Mauritanian Red Crescent – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cehck.asp?countryid=114>

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Within the framework of the dissemination programme, the national society realigned its country organizational structure into four zones managed by four regional coordinators. In addition, it held four training workshops for 80 volunteers in the different zones aimed at enhancing dissemination skills, revitalizing local structures and improving knowledge about the place of the national society within the Movement.

Meanwhile, the food security situation remains extremely precarious following the locust invasion and drought, which obliterated agricultural production. Locusts infested 100% of Mauritania's agricultural production zone in the Sahel region's worst invasion in 15 years. The South, which has been hardest hit, saw the locusts wipe out not only cereals but also pulses and other vegetables. Crop assessments indicate a food deficit of 187,000 metric tons for the country's 2.9 million people. In addition, the locusts and drought have damaged the rangelands vital to cattle, which are essential to population's livelihoods.

The January 2005 WFP food security and vulnerability studies in Mauritania indicated that 60% of households in the agro-pastoral zone will confront inadequate food in the coming year, while the lean season during 2005 will be harsher than usual.

Health and care

Goal: To be present and effective in improving the health of vulnerable communities.

Objective: To contribute to improved health of vulnerable persons through information, education, and communication actions to boost hygiene, vaccination coverage and prevent HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The Mauritanian Red Crescent had an ARCHI 2010 appropriation workshop in Nouakchott (10-13 May 2004), with the participation of all partners. It also organized a strategic planning workshop, in September/October 2004, with the Federation's technical and financial support, involving various technicians from the Health and Civil Protection Ministries and the Executive Secretary for the fight against HIV/AIDS. This workshop provided the enabling environment to address priority health issues and develop projects which focus on public health priorities.

The objectives of the Strategic Development Plan (2005-2008) focus on the following areas: the fight against HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, and children's health. The intervention zones are targeted around six bordering *wilayas* (regions): Hodh El Charghi, Assaba, Gorgol, Trarza, Nouadhibou and Nouakchott where the network of volunteers can be put to the best use.

Social mobilization campaigns for vaccinations are conducted.

During the polio vaccination campaign organized in October/November 2004, 80 volunteers from the Mauritanian Red Crescent were involved in the mobilization campaign in seven targeted locations. The volunteers were trained by supervisors from the Ministry of Health and Social Services and were equipped to participate in the campaign.

The intervention zones comprised the following: Atar, Nouadhibou, Kiffa, Aleg, Kaédi, Rosso and Nouakchott where the local structures had begun social mobilization two days before the campaign. The volunteers were supervised by twelve coaches and four coordinators in the zone and contributed to the following results: the coverage for oral polio vaccination is 106.6% for the regional average with a range from 92.5% to 121.5%.

For vitamin A, the coverage rates varied from 75.6% to 123.5% with a national average of 99%. This participation from the MRC allowed for better visibility, which was heightened by promotional material.

Volunteers and local branches are active and well supported to conduct health and hygiene activities.

On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the Mauritanian Red Crescent organized an extensive sensitizing campaign in the south east of the country. Volunteers targeted Kiffa and Guerou where the first voluntary anonymous HIV testing center was created in 2002 in partnership with the French Red Cross and the Ministry of Health and Social Services. The organized sporting events, skits, and competitive games raised awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention.

Constraints

- Financial constraints did not permit the implementation of all activities.
- Several constraints, including financial ones, did not permit the recruitment of a health coordinator within the national society.

Disaster Management

Goal: Community and Red Cross branch capacity at headquarters and in four pilot regions to prepare, plan, and respond to emergencies is effective.

Objective 1: Establish a sub-regional disaster management structure between the four branches and Headquarters.

No action during the reporting period.

Objective 2: Recruit and develop emergency response brigades in four pilot regions (Gorgol, Assaba, Brakna and Guidimaka).

No action during the reporting period.

Objective 3: Develop and implement two integrated disaster preparedness, first aid, community health and social action programmes within each of the four pilot branches.

No action during the reporting period.

Constraints

- The Federation Representative's departure in August, financial constraints and the lack of a regional disaster preparedness/management officer each affected the progress of these activities.

Organizational Development

Goal: To decrease vulnerability of people living in Mauritania through improved service delivery by the Mauritanian Red Crescent.

Objective: The Mauritanian Red Crescent Society has prepared a Strategic Development Plan which allows it to restructure itself, reinforce its capacities, and execute programmes which have an impact on those it seeks to assist.

Strategic planning capacity at headquarters level is strengthened through structural support to three main positions, enabling these staff to be fully available to assume their role in planning, monitoring, evaluation and support to branch level activities.

The national society has aimed to complete a comprehensive Strategic Development Plan leading to a CAS process through the following process:

- An evaluation of the last four years' programmes: this evaluation was carried out by the national society with the technical and financial support of the Federation. This exercise allowed the national society to identify its own weaknesses in programme and project planning.
- A strategic planning workshop: this workshop was held in September/October and led the Mauritanian Red Crescent to draw up a strategic plan for 2005-2008. This was followed with a project-planning workshop supported by the Federation in order to develop different projects based on the 2005-2008

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Strategic Plan. Today project-planning logframes in health, disaster preparedness with food security aspects and organizational development are available to be submitted to donors. These logframes formed the basis of the 2005 Annual Appeal and will also be used for other future projects that might be developed.

In addition, the Federation, the ICRC, and partner national societies support the costs related to various positions within the national society. The Sahel sub-regional office is also supporting the Secretary General position for one year through the Capacity Building Fund to increase the programmes' management efficiency and partnership development. The developed projects will contribute to the funding of administrative costs.

A workshop on good governance and management is planned in the first quarter of 2005. The terms of reference have already been shared with the national society and cover themes such as: a better understanding of the Movement mandate, links between good governance and results and good governance and image, a better understanding of governing and management bodies, the strengthening of intermediary structures between the head office and the branches as a way to strengthen programmes, the reporting requirements and the development of financial resources, and finally the volunteer service. In 2005, the national society will also elaborate its volunteering policy based on the Federation policy and develop volunteer's management tools.

Regional officers are trained in project planning and management and assist in developing strategic and operational objectives.

In September a project-planning workshop allowed the national society's staff to be trained in the Project Planning Process methodology and the development of logical frameworks for new projects. In addition, the programme coordinator, with Federation support, participated in an emergency water-and-sanitation (WatSan) training in Kribi (Cameroon) on 13-16 October.

Three regional branches are formed; seven pilot branches, formerly inactive, are renewed and possess adequate capacity to conduct their programmes.

No action during the reporting period.

Constraints

Lack of funding did not allow all activities to be carried out.

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
Appeal	M04AA036
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)	130'538	117'998		130'497		379'033
Opening Balance (B)	0	0		0		0
Income						
Cash contributions						
British Red Cross		27'476				27'476
Capacity Building Fund				17'922		17'922
Other	0					0
Cash contributions (C1)	0	27'476		17'922		45'398
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C5)	0	27'476		17'922		45'398
Total Funding (B + C)	0	27'476		17'922		45'398

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)	0	0		0		0
Income (C)	0	27'476		17'922		45'398
Expenditure (D)		-27'897		-6'863		-34'761
Closing Balance (B + C + D)	0	-422		11'059		10'637

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Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
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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)		130'538	117'998		130'497		379'033	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles			37				37	-37
Total Supplies			37				37	-37
Capital Expenditure								
Computers & Telecom	2'001							2'001
Total Capital Expenditure	2'001							2'001
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	36'437		5'089				5'089	31'348
Total Transport & Storage	36'437		5'089				5'089	31'348
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	112'545							112'545
Delegate Benefits			3'995				3'995	-3'995
Regionally Deployed Staff	81'997							81'997
National & National Society Stal			7'033				7'033	-7'033
Total Personnel Expenditures	194'542		11'028				11'028	183'514
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	68'003		552				552	67'451
Total Workshops & Training	68'003		552				552	67'451
General Expenditure								
Travel	22'375		6'563				6'563	15'812
Office Costs	31'038		768				768	30'270
Communications			1'000				1'000	-1'000
Financial Charges			-1'210				-1'210	1'210
Total General Expenditure	53'413		7'121				7'121	46'292
Program Support								
Program Support	24'637		1'813		446		2'259	22'378
Total Program Support	24'637		1'813		446		2'259	22'378
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			2'257		6'417		8'674	-8'674
Total Operational Provisions			2'257		6'417		8'674	-8'674
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	379'033		27'897		6'863		34'761	344'272
VARIANCE (C - D)		130'538	90'100		123'634		344'272	