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In Brief

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Overall analysis of the programme

During the past two years, the various components of the Red Cross Movement provided technical, logistical and financial support to build the capacities of Congolese Red Cross¹ in various domains, including emergency relief, management, the fight against recurrent diseases and the acquisition of materials (data processing, audiovisual, didactic, hygiene and sanitation equipment, and vehicles).

In 2004, Congolese Red Cross carried out activities to complement what had been started in 2003. The main activities for 2004 were as follows:

- AIDS control in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire;
- Fight against the Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in Cuvette-Ouest;
- Organisational development of Congolese Red Cross;
- Promotion of humanitarian values.

The Congolese Red Cross has been associated in all the activities coordinated by the Ministry of Health.

¹ Congolese Red Cross - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=184>

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The various activities yielded a positive impact on the Congolese populations as a whole, and more specifically on vulnerable people. They also contributed to building the capacities of the national society.

While some activities of Congolese Red Cross were financed by its traditional donors (Federation, ICRC and the Spanish Red Cross), others were financed by the national society itself.

The end-of-mission of the regional organizational development delegate (September 2004) halted the process to restructure Congolese Red Cross local committees.

Health and Care

Goal: The vulnerability to diseases of people living in the areas targeted by the programme is reduced.

Objective: Congolese Red Cross improves access to community-based health services in the areas targeted by the programme with the support of the Ministry of Health and other partners.

Project: HIV/AIDS/STD in Brazzaville, Pointe-Noire, Dolisie and Owando

Expected Result: HIV transmission is reduced among high-risk groups, namely young people, soldiers, sex workers and long-haul drivers, and care for AIDS sufferers is improved.

Achievements

- The two discussion centres in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire continued to receive young people throughout the 2004 and provide them with reliable information about HIV/AIDS/STI.
- In an attempt to extend community-based first aid (CBFA) throughout Brazzaville, 24 Red Cross volunteers carried out awareness, information, education and communication campaigns at grassroots levels on 29 March 2004 targeting representatives from seven sub-divisions. One hundred and seventy Red Cross volunteers from the seven sub-divisions continued the same activities on 13 April 2004.
- On 4 May 2004, 250 Red Cross volunteers donated blood on the eve of the Red Cross World Day (8 May).
- From 8 to 18 August 2004, Congolese Red Cross took part in the World Youth Festival in Barcelona (Spain). The Red Cross youth animated a stand on HIV/AIDS and Ebola, and presented their experience in the fight against the AIDS pandemic and the management of the Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever.
- A Congolese Red Cross delegate took part in the regional workshop of health officers of National Red Cross Societies of Central Africa which was organised by the Federation in Kribi, Cameroon (4-6 October 2004).

Project: ARCHI 2010 (fight against Ebola hemorrhagic fever)

Expected Result: Social mobilization activities to combat Ebola hemorrhagic fever are carried out in the four districts exposed to the infection.

Achievements

- Three joint Congolese Red Cross/Federation missions were carried out in Cuvette-Ouest to mobilize, train, and sensitize the populations against the Ebola epidemic.
- Twenty-five local and district coaches and the Director of the department were trained in the management of the Ebola epidemic. The UNICEF Health and Nutrition Administrator also participated in the training as a facilitator. The themes covered were: monitoring, planning, reporting, volunteer management and motivation.
- Forty-nine anti-Ebola clubs have also been established in 35 villages and equipped with information materials. Each club is comprised of 10 members. The aim of the clubs is to monitor the epidemic development and report any suspicious contacts, sensitize the population against the epidemic, report to the authorities the presence of dead primates in the forest, etc.
- Fifty-four volunteer networks of two to ten persons have been set up and are managed by coaches in 35 localities.

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- The National Director of Disaster Relief, Preparedness and Response conducted a mission 23-28 July 2004 to Cuvette-Ouest to monitor activities to combat Ebola.
- A joint Federation/Congolese Red Cross mission was conducted in Cuvette-Ouest 28 July-7 August 2004 to evaluate the activities carried out to combat Ebola.

Other Diseases

- Two Congolese Red Cross delegates took part in the meeting to assess the level of preparedness of the National Immunisation Days to combat measles and polio that was held in the conference hall of the National Laboratory (Brazzaville) on 24 August 2004, and which was presided over by the Minister of Health and Population.
- Two Congolese Red Cross delegates took part in the coordination meeting on the anti-measles immunisation campaign at the National Laboratory in Brazzaville on 18 October 2004. It should be noted that this campaign was organised in favour of children between six months and 14 years.
- 516 Red Cross volunteers took part in the anti-polio immunization campaign for the benefit of children aged under five (16-19 November 2004).

Impact

- The populations in the four districts of Cuvette-Ouest have stopped eating primates' meat and are increasingly developing income-generating micro projects with the support of Congolese Red Cross and the Federation.
- Red Cross volunteers and community members who have been trained in communication techniques now mobilise and sensitise the populations to the dangers of the Ebola Fever, thereby strengthening collaboration between the Red Cross and communities.
- Mindful of the key role played by Red Cross volunteers in the fight against epidemics, the Congolese government now looks at Congolese Red Cross as a reliable partner. The Red Cross is also considered as an inevitable partner by some international organisations like WHO and UNICEF.
- The participation of the national society in the International Youths Festival (Barcelona) contributed to restoring its image. The youths of Congolese Red Cross also seized that opportunity to share experiences with other youths.
- The national society built up its operational capacities taking into consideration the findings of the follow-up and evaluation missions that were conducted in Cuvette-Ouest within the framework of the fight against Ebola haemorrhagic fever.
- The national society succeeded in consolidating her position as an auxiliary to the government by participating in the various meetings organised by the Ministry of Health.
- The other activities carried out by Congolese Red Cross contributed to:
- The production of the 2005 Action Plan of health officers in Central Africa;
- The sharing of lessons learned from the implementation of the ARCHI 2010 approach;
- The permanent availability of drugs on the market thanks to the opening of a drug store (Centrale d'Achat de Médicaments) in Brazzaville;
- The prevention/protection of children from poliomyelitis.

Constraints

- Red Cross volunteers are reluctant to carry out their assigned activities because they are not financially motivated.
- The precarious situation of security in the country prevented Congolese Red Cross from executing some of its projects.
- The impassability of roads in the northern part of the country made it very difficult to establish a permanent contact between the national headquarters and Cuvette-Ouest.
- The national society lacked financial resources to execute its anti-AIDS project.
- The financial support from the Federation got to the national society very late.
- Some workers of the Red Cross Integrated Health Centre behaved very poorly on the field.

Disaster Management

Goal: A reduction is achieved in the disaster-related vulnerability of people living in the target districts in the Republic of Congo.

Objective: The national society disaster management capacities are improved to provide rapid and effective response in emergencies.

Expected Result 1: Risk mapping and disaster preparedness activities are carried out in Brazzaville, Central and West Cuvette.

Achievements

- The logistics base of Cuvette-Ouest has been reinforced with the acquisition of a new vehicle.
- Disaster preparedness emergency stocks have been pre-positioned in Kellé and Brazzaville to prepare for subsequent outbreaks of Ebola.
- Thanks to the support of the Spanish Red Cross, Congolese Red Cross repaired its canoe to be used in emergency situations in Brazzaville and in the bordering villages of the Congo River.
- Two Congolese Red Cross volunteers participated in a workshop on water and sanitation (WatSan) in Limbe, Cameroon, for the benefit of the Central Africa Regional Disaster Response Team (ERDAC). The Federation's Central Africa sub-regional office for Central Africa (BRAC) organized the workshop.
- 11 Red Cross volunteers in Brazzaville ensured the health coverage of a 3-km Women Athletics Race that was organized on the occasion of International Olympic Day (27 June 2004).
- 46 Red Cross volunteers carried out sanitation activities at the Congolese Red Cross national headquarters 10 July 2004.
- Three volunteers working permanently at the national society headquarters rescued a wounded person from the Loukami village in the Mbandzandounga district (Pool Division) and referred him to the Brazzaville Pierre Mobengo Central Military Hospital on 20 July 2004.
- 37 Red Cross volunteers in Brazzaville were trained in disaster management from 9 to 18 August 2004.
- The national society participated in the WatSan retraining workshop in Kribi, Cameroon 13-16 October 2004 (organized by BRAC).
- Following the torrential rain of 21 November 2004 and the floods that ensued, three Congolese Red Cross volunteers provided emergency relief to 12 families in the Mpila neighbourhood in Brazzaville.

Impact

- The canoe is ready to be used for emergency evacuations. Congolese Red Cross may also use it for income-generating purposes.
- The national headquarters of Congolese Red Cross and the Kellé district committee are equipped with emergency response materials to prepare for subsequent outbreaks of Ebola.
- The new vehicle is used to facilitate field evaluation in the affected villages of Cuvette-Ouest.
- The visibility of the national society has been restored and the living conditions of workers at national headquarters level have been improved.
- After the training of 37 Brazzaville-based Red Cross volunteers in disaster management, the national society is now able to identify risky areas in the town and develop a risk map. This has contributed to building the operational capacities of Congolese Red Cross in the event of a disaster.

Constraints

- Lack of funds to finance the activities scheduled in the programme;
- Poor communication between Cuvette-Ouest and the national headquarters;
- Access to Cuvette-Ouest is costly and time consuming due to the impassability of the roads.
- The lack of a relief kit with basic need products made it very difficult to carry out emergency interventions.
- The lack of well-structured relief teams on the field is a serious problem.

Promotion of Humanitarian Values

Goal: Respect for human dignity and more effective solidarity with the vulnerable are assured through the promotion of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values.

Objective: The level of discrimination against pygmies, PLWHA, the disabled and rape victims is reduced in the target areas (Pointe-Noire and the regions of Pool and Lékoumou).

Achievements

- The creation of new Red Cross branches in Brazzaville facilitated the enlargement of the national society's volunteer base and strengthened its capacity to identify and address vulnerabilities.
- Congolese Red Cross published two issues of its bimonthly news bulletin "Standard of Peace" (April-May and June-July 2004).
- Congolese Red Cross advertised its activities intensively through the weekly radio programme known as "Know Your Congolese Red Cross" which is broadcasted on the short waves of the national radio.

Impact

- Congolese Red Cross radio broadcast campaigns promoted more respect for pygmies, marginalised women, victims of rape, and people living with HIV. Judging from the feedback of listeners, this resulted in the public adopting a positive attitude vis-à-vis these categories of people.
- Readers of the Congolese Red Cross's "Standard of Peace" are increasingly aware of the activities and projects of this national society.
- Through the weekly radio programme "Know Your Congolese Red Cross" and the bimonthly news bulletin "Standard of Peace", Congolese Red Cross has been able to restore its image before the general public and its partners.

Constraints

- Lack of incentives for the volunteer who produces the Congolese Red Cross's radio programme is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.
- The quality and time of publication of the news bulletin "Standard of Peace" have been compromised owing to limited material resources.

Organizational Development

Goal: The Congolese Red Cross progresses towards becoming a well-functioning national society.

Objective: The Congolese Red Cross is technically and financially self-sufficient and capable of meeting its major challenges through its volunteer network.

Project: Good Governance and Management

Achievements

- The management, reporting, volunteers and Youth Red Cross management capacities of Congolese Red Cross officers at headquarters level have been built up thanks to the invaluable support of the Federation's delegation in Kinshasa which organised training sessions on Reporting, Financial and Administrative Management.
- The five-year strategic plan of Congolese Red Cross was developed in January 2004 with the support of the Federation's delegation in Kinshasa. A workshop was organized at the headquarters 31 March-09 April 2004 to review the strategic plan and accommodate some comments made by the Federation and other partners.
- Through its Governance and Management representatives, Congolese Red Cross was involved in the Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) process of the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) which took place in Kinshasa 19-22 April 2004.

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- The exchange of experience on the management of a national society between the Secretary General of Red Cross of DRC and the General Manager of Congolese Red Cross strengthened the ties existing between the two national societies.
- Separation and complementariness of Governance and Management at national level is improved, especially between the Executive Committee and the Directorate General.
- The Federation’s delegation in Kinshasa conducted an investigation aimed at improving the human resource and financial management systems of Congolese Red Cross in Brazzaville (Directorate General and urban committees). The findings of that investigation have been analysed for corrective measures to be taken in the near future. The same operation will be conducted in Owando and Pointe-Noire.
- The head of the Congolese Red Cross finance commission visited the Federation’s country delegation and Red Cross of DRC to exchange experiences and learn more to improve financial management of the national society.
- The Cuvette-Centrale, Cuvette-Ouest, Plateaux, and Pool divisions held their respective assemblies from 21 June to 3 July 2004 to restructure their managing councils.
- The Governance Commission and the Directorate General work in close collaboration through regular meetings.
- In 2004, the national Director of Administration, Finance and Materials conducted six missions in Mpoumako to follow up closely the execution of the rural development project of that locality.
- The Chairwoman of the Governance Commission and the Director General of the Management Commission represented Congolese Red Cross in the partnership meeting that took place in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 9 to 16 August 2004.
- Thanks to the support of the Federation and ICRC, Congolese Red Cross organised a seminar from 26 to 29 August 2004 to harmonise the national society’s financial and administrative management, for the benefit of 40 officers from the 11 divisional councils in the country (presidents, presidents of finance commissions, and divisional directors). National directors and coordinators also took part in the seminar.
- The Congolese Red Cross was represented in the 6th Pan African Conference (Algiers, 8-13 September 2004) by its Chairperson, the second Deputy-Chairman and the Director General.

Project: Financial Resource Development

Income-generating projects: Annual financial report (in Francs CFA) (indicative only)

Period (2004)	Projects/Activities	Names	Previous Balance	Annual Income	Annual Expenses	Annual Balance
January-December	Selling of Cards	Cashing annual income		756 000	339 755	416 245
January-December	Restaurant	Cashing income		1 147 050	647 025	500 025
January-December	Rent Federation	Cashing income		1 200 000	700 000	500 000
January-December	Site Paul KAMBA	Cashing income		588 000	429 200	158 800
January-December	whale-boat	Cashing income		675 000	127 250	547 750
January-December	Selling of water in tanks	Cashing income		177 675	100 000	77 675
January-December	Mpoumako Health Centre	Cashing income		2 880 720	1 162 155	1 718 565
January-December	Mpoumako Agriculture	Cashing income		545 000	125 900	419 100
Total				7 969 445	3 631 285	4 338 160

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Impact

- The new Governance and Management teams work in close collaboration and have respect for the Red Cross community.
- The capacities of the Pool, Cuvette-Ouest, Cuvette-Centrale, and Plateaux divisional committees have been built up after the restructuring process. Communication between the national headquarters and these committees is improved.
- The national society has been using the funds accruing from micro projects to boost its smooth functioning.
- The regular meetings of Governance and the Directorate General have contributed to strengthening working ties between these two teams of Congolese Red Cross.

Constraints

- The departure of the Federation's Regional Organisational Development Delegate at the end of his contract in the second half of 2004 disturbed the restructuring process of the national society.
- The precariousness of security in the country did not make things easier either.
- The national society has not been able to fully implement organizational development initiatives fully due to the lack of funding.

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2004/1-2004/12
Appeal	M04AA044
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)	200'529	94'265	4'866	152'241		451'902
Opening Balance (B)	1'578	0	0	17'269		18'847
Income						
Cash contributions						
British Red Cross		22'930				22'930
Other	0		0			0
Swedish Red Cross	351			33'863		34'214
Cash contributions (C1)	351	22'930	0	33'863		57'144
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
UNHCR (UN Agency)		8'340				8'340
Reallocations (C2)		8'340				8'340
Other Income						
Miscellaneous Income	3'920			2'150		6'070
Other Income (C5)	3'920			2'150		6'070
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C5)	4'271	31'270	0	36'012		71'553
Total Funding (B + C)	5'849	31'270	0	53'282		90'400

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)	1'578	0	0	17'269		18'847
Income (C)	4'271	31'270	0	36'012		71'553
Expenditure (D)	-4'325	-9'460		-49'549		-63'334
Closing Balance (B + C + D)	1'524	21'810	0	3'732		27'066

Selected Parameters	
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)		200'529	94'265	4'866	152'241		451'902	
Supplies								
Water & Sanitation	1'875							1'875
Medical & First Aid	36'632							36'632
Teaching Materials	23'730							23'730
Other Supplies & Services	20'408							20'408
Total Supplies	82'645							82'645
Capital Expenditure								
Computers & Telecom	3'500							3'500
Others Machinery & Equipment	1'375							1'375
Total Capital Expenditure	4'875							4'875
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs		893	3'420		2'252		6'565	-6'565
Total Transport & Storage		893	3'420		2'252		6'565	-6'565
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	11'400							11'400
Delegate Benefits		359			1'476		1'834	-1'834
Regionally Deployed Staff	118'344							118'344
National & National Society Staff		924	535		9'666		11'125	-11'125
Consultants					46		46	-46
Total Personnel Expenditures	129'744	1'282	535		11'187		13'005	116'739
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	126'395	25	4'664		13'343		18'032	108'363
Total Workshops & Training	126'395	25	4'664		13'343		18'032	108'363
General Expenditure								
Travel	10'175	295	45		13'869		14'209	-4'034
Information & Public Relation	32'991	55			44		99	32'892
Office Costs	35'703	1'009			2'031		3'040	32'663
Communications		72	181		1'369		1'621	-1'621
Professional Fees		334			1'369		1'703	-1'703
Financial Charges					642		642	-642
Other General Expenses		80			24		105	-105
Total General Expenditure	78'869	1'844	226		19'349		21'418	57'451
Program Support								
Program Support	29'374	281	615		3'221		4'117	25'257
Total Program Support	29'374	281	615		3'221		4'117	25'257
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions					197		197	-197
Total Operational Provisions					197		197	-197
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	451'902	4'325	9'460		49'549		63'334	388'568
VARIANCE (C - D)		196'204	84'806	4'866	102'692		388'568	