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### In Brief

Appeal No. 01.52/2004; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: 1 January to 30 April 2004; Appeal coverage of the revised appeal target: 70.4%; Outstanding needs: CHF 513,707  
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Appeal target: CHF 2,246,678 revised to CHF 1,663,997 (USD 1,326,509 or EUR 1,091,647).  
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**Programme summary:** The Annual Appeal budget has been reduced to reflect the reduction of programme activities in the areas of health and organizational development. In addition, this lower budget is a result of the transfer of objectives relating to Haiti under the disaster management and organizational development programmes to the emergency appeal for social unrest in Haiti.

Through the Port of Spain Sub Regional Office (SRO), the Federation continues to provide support to 13 National Societies and 16 Overseas Branches in the Caribbean. Programmes in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti are managed by the Regional Delegation in Panama. The Federation's team in the Caribbean region has been strengthened with the support of a new branch officer and an UN-sponsored communications officer. The Red Cross has increased its participation in international fora through the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) preparatory meeting that was held in the Bahamas and a MoU that was signed with the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) in February.

In health, the focus of the beginning of 2004 was on the 5<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Red Cross HIV/AIDS Network (CARAN) annual meeting, which was held in Jamaica with participants from 14 National Societies and 5 Overseas Branches. Disaster management programmes continued through the support of the European Union's disaster preparedness programme (DIPECHO) and the Japanese Red Cross-sponsored container project. In addition, work has begun on creating an organizational development network in the region, with support from the Federation's Capacity Building Fund.

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## Operational developments

The ongoing precarious situation in Haiti, which is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, degenerated significantly in February as rebel groups clashed with government supporters and the country suffered increasing degrees of violence and insecurity. By the end of February, rebel factions held large portions of the country, including the second largest town, Cap-Haitien. With the town of Mirebalais some 50 km. from Port au Prince then captured by the opposition, the rebels threatened to take Port au Prince which braced to counter the forthcoming attack. Hospitals were attacked, infrastructure destroyed, and the port, homes and shops were looted. The crisis culminated on Sunday, 29 February as President Jean- Bertrand Aristide fled the country. A transition government was formed on 17 March and, although the situation has gradually improved since then, the context remains difficult. In general, it appears that the humanitarian situation is significantly deteriorating in most parts of Haiti as the prices of commodities have risen and poorer sectors of the population have been forced to sell possessions to purchase basic necessities. Health institutions are insufficiently provided with essential drugs, and electricity and a safe water supply have sharply diminished in some regions. In addition, a number of limited nutritional surveys show deterioration amongst sample populations. The Federation launched an emergency appeal for Social Unrest in Haiti on 5 March (Appeal 07/04) which is attempting to address the acute needs of the population. All objectives for Haiti from the Caribbean Annual Appeal 2004 have thus been transferred to the emergency appeal and activities will be reported on against the social unrest appeal. The social unrest and floods operations in Haiti are currently managed by the Secretariat in Geneva, but will be transferred to the Panama Regional Delegation in late August. Separate reports on the Haiti Social Unrest and floods operations can be found on the Federation's webpage ([www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)).

In Montserrat, there was increased activity in the Soufriere Hills Volcano in March. Several earthquakes were recorded and a sizable explosion sent an ash cloud from the volcano that rose an estimated 15,000 feet. As ash from the volcano fell throughout the island, residents were evacuated from the most affected areas. Parts of the island were covered with up to four inches of ash. Members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) – a team of top volcanic experts – were meeting on the island when the explosion occurred. The volcano had previously erupted in July 2003.



The Mt Soufrière volcano in Montserrat erupted again in March and resulted in heavy ash falls throughout the island.

## Health and care

**Goal:** The National Societies are implementing efficient, responsive and focused programmes which contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable people.

**Programme Objective:** To strengthen the capacity of Caribbean Red Cross National Societies and overseas branches to educate, mobilize, advocate for and deliver quality health programmes of appropriate scale and enable them to target communities to reduce vulnerability.

**Objective 1:** The capacity and partnerships of the Federation, in particular the capacities of the National Society health departments, have been strengthened in line with Strategy 2010 and the Santiago de Chile Commitment.

### Progress/Achievements and impact

- Due to a lack of funding, the advances in this area are all related to other parts of the programme and are reported in subsequent sections of this update.

### Constraints

- As yet no funding has been secured for this part of the health programme.

**Objective 2:** The response of National Societies and overseas branches in the Caribbean to the HIV/AIDS epidemic has been refined and scaled up in the areas of prevention, care and the fight against discrimination.

### Progress/Achievements and impact

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Red Cross HIV/AIDS Network (CARAN) annual meeting was held in Jamaica with participants from 14 National Societies plus 5 Overseas Branches. Representatives from the American, British, Netherlands, Norwegian and Tanzanian Red Cross Societies also attended, as did UNICEF, the Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The government of Jamaica was represented at the opening ceremony. Specific results of this meeting include:
  - Election of a new CARAN executive.
  - Agreement to hold CARAN meetings once every two years with the Caribbean Red Cross Biennial meeting in the alternate years.
  - New CARAN terms of reference were formulated and ratified in plenary.
  - All participants were trained in volunteer recruitment and retention through a one and half day workshop offered by the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and Americas (FAVACA), a United States-based volunteer agency, that focused specifically on the challenges of volunteering and HIV/AIDS. The Federation's volunteer policy and implementation plan was also presented.
  - The new CARAN webpage that will be part of [www.caribbeanredcross.org](http://www.caribbeanredcross.org) was launched. The new webpage was warmly received and will "go live" in June.
  - The presence of CRN+ at the meeting further strengthened the relationship between the group and the Red Cross. The CRN+ director was impressed to learn more about the work of the Red Cross on the ground.
  - The anti-stigma video "Breaking the Silence," which was produced in Honduras in 2003, was launched with English subtitles following a presentation by the Federation's regional Humanitarian Values Coordinator. All participants received a copy.
  - "Together We Can" was confirmed as the standard methodology for the Red Cross in youth peer education in the Caribbean.
- Following the CARAN meeting, a five-day youth peer educator refresher course was held. The course included the participation of 17 trained national trainers and 28 new trainers. In total, there are now 45 trained TWC youth peer educators from 23 Red Cross entities in the Caribbean sub-region.

- Also following the CARAN meeting, a three-day introductory workshop was held on community home based care. This was facilitated by the regional health advisor of the British Red Cross, together with the Federation. Some six National Societies took part and became aware of the importance of building links with National AIDS Committees in order to plan relevant community interventions as part of any home based care programme.
- The Belize Red Cross Society began its "Together We Can" programme by hiring two coordinators and conducting the first training and mapping exercises. With UNICEF funding (USD 23,000) and Federation technical assistance, this activity focuses on out-of-school youth in the south side of Belize City. The Belize Ministry of Health has also been involved in providing technical support.
- In Guyana, the TWC programme also received specific support with the training of 7 national trainers and 15 instructor trainers. Of the national trainers, only two were certified.
- In St. Lucia, 20 participants took part in the TWC instructor training that was held in March. Similar training also took place with 15 participants from Antigua and Barbuda.
- The Red Cross partnership with UNICEF was further strengthened at a Health and Family Life Education (HFLE) meeting in Jamaica. At the CARAN meeting, the UNICEF representative was able to explain to the seven Red Cross Societies already working with UNICEF in peer education how they should proceed with presenting plans for 2004. The five additional Red Cross Societies which may begin working with UNICEF in the future also participated in this meeting. This will be closely monitored and assisted by the Sub Regional Office and the Regional Health delegate, who will also be pursuing closer ties with the UNICEF office in Barbados.
- The Red Cross has also been more involved with the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP), including assistance with review and refining of the activities of Priority Area Three of the Caribbean Strategic Framework. This priority area covers prevention of HIV/AIDS transmission among young people and is the area in which the Red Cross and UNICEF have lead roles.
- CRN+ and the Red Cross began the process of formalizing their Caribbean partnership; this has been ably assisted by a Federation delegate based in Namibia, southern Africa, who had experience in building the Federation's partnership with the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+).
- The Federation received confirmation of support for a United Nations volunteer to help implement the CARAN communications strategy. An individual has been identified and will start work in June, concentrating initially on the CARAN webpage.
- The Youth Commission, made up of the Federation's regional HIV/AIDS youth officer and the Red Cross Societies of Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Jamaica and Saint Lucia met and drew up guidelines for youth and HIV for the Caribbean region. This forms part of a wider initiative to provide more support to Red Cross youth around the region.
- The Federation's Panama Regional Delegation has increased its capacity to support non-English speaking Red Cross entities in the Caribbean through the recruitment of a Spanish-speaking regional HIV/AIDS officer. She will initially focus on assisting in programme issues in the Dominican Republic.



- The successful Caribbean Red Cross methodology "Together We Can" has been introduced into Central America with the Red Cross Society of Panama agreeing to use it as its national youth peer education methodology, with support from Caribbean regional facilitators based in the Dominican Republic.

Participants at the just concluded TWC training in Belize were enthusiastic about the programme.

- The Federation, through the regional HIV/AIDS youth officer, has now been invited to sit on the Management Board of the PANCAP Mini-Grants project for the disbursement of funds towards youth HIV/AIDS initiatives.

### **Constraints**

- The Belize Red Cross Society is new to HIV/AIDS projects and is restricted by the limited timeline of funding for the project, which runs through June 2004. The National Society also has limited resources, such as few support staff and old computers.
- In Guyana, the selection of participants for the training courses lacked sufficient criteria and a specific plan for how the trained individuals would work once qualified. This issue has been raised with the American Red Cross (ARC) which is embarking on a programme of longer-term support to the Guyana Red Cross (GRC) in the area of youth peer education using the TWC methodology. The ARC will help the GRC devise a more detailed strategy for HIV/AIDS interventions at a planning meeting in May.
- The need to develop a stronger monitoring and evaluation component of this programme is still pending, despite offers of help from CAREC, UNICEF and PANCAP in this regard.
- The capacity of the Sub Regional Office is increasingly stretched as more Red Cross Societies and potential partners develop an interest in the Red Cross programme. The HIV team will be bolstered by a part time administrative assistant in May/June and applications from HIV+ persons have been specifically encouraged.
- Too many of the participants in trainings and meetings do not have an appropriate profile. This has been particularly apparent in the TWC trainings.
- The large CARAN meeting proved to be a significant drain on resources, affecting both the SRO and the Jamaican Red Cross.

**Objective 3: The National Societies' capacity to recruit, manage and maintain a pool of volunteer blood donors contributing to a safe national blood supply has been reinforced.**

### **Progress/Achievements and impact**

- A doctor from Curacao attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on voluntary non-remunerated blood donation (VNRBD) in Beijing and will act as a regional resource on VNRBD for the wider region including Central America.

### **Constraints**

- There is a total lack of donor interest in this area of the health programme.

**Objective 4: The National Society of Trinidad and Tobago has scaled up its HIV/AIDS activities.**

### **Progress/Achievements and impact**

- A total of 21 instructor trainers from the three branches of the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society (TTRCS) were trained to implement the Together We Can methodology.
- The TTRCS coordinator for HIV/AIDS was elected to the executive of CARAN as the public relations officer.
- The TTRCS coordinator for HIV/AIDS also acts a regional trainer for the Together We Can programme.
- An additional two new persons were trained as national trainers and ten peer educators have been trained.

### **Constraints**

- Potential volunteer burnout may occur as the workload increases.
- Expected start-up costs were higher than estimated.



The Grenada Red Cross recently conducted HIV/AIDS and Together We Can Training sessions where teachers were educated on the use of condoms .

## Disaster Management

**Goal:** The National Societies and overseas branches are implementing efficient, responsive and focused programmes which contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable people.

**Programme Objective:** The capacity of National Societies, overseas branches and communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is improved, with the Red Cross firmly established as a major partner in disaster management in the Caribbean.

**Objective 1:** The Red Cross contributes to the strengthening of community based disaster management with community based teams maintaining permanent links with the Red Cross and the disaster management offices.

### Progress/Achievements and impact

- The four National Societies involved in the DIPECHO IV project have continued implementing activities, including working with the 22 involved communities in risk mapping and drawing up community plans.
- With the support of the British Red Cross, a mid-term review of the project was completed and the report and recommendations were shared with the National Societies concerned, as well as with the ECHO regional office and the ECHO office in Brussels. As part of the mid-term review, field visits to the countries and communities involved in the project helped the Federation and Red Cross Societies to develop a broader view of the development of the first six months of the project.
- Community disaster plans and school emergency plans continue to be developed with the support of the four National Societies.
- The Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) methodology has been successfully introduced and there is a consensus that it can bring about changes in thinking and attitudes towards and of communities, especially when used as part of a community based disaster preparedness programme.
- In March, a VCA training workshop in the Cayman Islands was conducted for the Red Cross and participants from 17 governmental organizations. As part of the training, a national action plan for coordination in disaster management was developed, with the Cayman Red Cross responsible to follow up on the agreed action points.



The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross conducted First Aid and CPR training in March for Hispanics living in Antigua and Barbuda.

- A Community Based First Aid Guide was produced with inputs from around the region and from Latin America. The guide includes graphics adapted to the Caribbean context and serves both as a “stand alone” reference guide and as a tool that could be used in community based first aid training. A total of 3,000 guides have been printed so far. These guides have been provided to the four National Societies participating in the DIPECHO IV project, and are being shared across the region.
- The identification of the Community Based Response Teams (CBRT) is now complete and training has begun. Equipment for the CBRTs will be purchased in May/June.
- The music CD containing messages about hurricane preparedness, HIV/AIDS and other themes has been produced and distributed. A total of 300 CDs have been produced.
- In collaboration with other partners from the region, the Federation is producing an audio soap opera that will contain key messages and advice about disaster preparedness. The Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Caribbean Development Bank, the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), the Caribbean Disaster Response Agency (CDERA), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have all been involved in this initiative.
- Stronger operating links have been created between the Red Cross and CDERA. The previously signed MoU between CDERA and the Federation has been redrafted and is being reviewed by both organizations. The Federation’s Port of Spain Sub Regional Office recently handled logistics and facilitation for a CDERA meeting held in Trinidad that also covered community based disaster preparedness.

### Constraints

- The ECHO funding cycle for these types of activities is not sufficiently long-term.
- National Societies are having difficulties in reporting their financial expenditures on time.
- Some of the National Societies have experienced changes in personnel working on the project.

**Objective 2: The Red Cross Caribbean disaster management network is established as an important regional player in the disaster management field, concentrating initially on policy, strategy and volunteer management.**

**Progress/Achievements and impact**

- In January, the first ad-hoc group meeting of six National Societies took place in Trinidad and Tobago. The Dominica Red Cross was elected as interim chair. In this first meeting, the ad-hoc group agreed that the disaster management network will concentrate on information sharing, best practices, review and update of disaster plans, communication and advocacy, and volunteer management.
- In April, the ad-hoc group met for the second time. At this meeting, the theme was disaster management policy and the group looked particularly at the role of the Red Cross in national disaster plans, as well as national disaster legislation. Common areas of difficulty were identified, as were solutions that will be shared through the network.
- The Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross (CCORC) management committee endorsed the establishment of the disaster management network and approved its structure.
- The ad-hoc group played a key role in the development of the Caribbean Red Cross Community First Aid Guide.

**Constraints**

- Since March, the Sub Regional Office has had a limited capacity to support disaster management initiatives with just half of one local staff member supporting the disaster management programme.

**Objective 3: The Jamaican Red Cross disaster management coordination office is fully operational within the country and able to offer peer support to other Red Cross entities in the region.**

**Progress/Achievements and impact**

- The training unit within the Jamaican Red Cross has been established.
- Volunteer management is much improved as this focus has been strengthened within the Jamaican Red Cross.
- Development of the volunteer database continues; this will be available on a CD by May 2004.
- Identification cards have been developed for disaster management volunteers and CBRT members, and will eventually be consistent with volunteers within each programme.
- Weekly meetings are held to review project activities and foster monitoring and evaluation. These meetings will continue after the designated period as it relates to the project. Branch meetings occur monthly with further meetings being held by respective area groups.
- Six volunteers were selected as part of the disaster management structure. They, as well as staff members at the National Society headquarters, have been trained in damage and needs assessments.
- A disaster management working group has been established and meets regularly.
- A first aid working group has been established and has finalized the work plan for the remainder of the year.
- Two additional volunteers from the National Society headquarters and one branch director will be trained in the use of the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) bringing to five the number of personnel trained in this area.
- A total of 57 volunteers have been trained in both first aid and response. Training was completed in the first week of April 2004.
- Requests for training have been consistently favourable, with approximately one to two courses occurring per week at the branch level. Courses in home nursing and first aid continue to be the most popular among members of the public. An orientation for trainers in mental health in disasters is scheduled for May 15, 2004.

**Constraints**

- The Jamaican Red Cross is involved in a number of regional initiatives, including CARAN, the disaster management network and DIPECHO IV, which impacts their available resources.

- Delays with financial reallocations from the Federation give the mistaken impression that expenditure is particularly low. This will soon be rectified.

**Objective 4: The provision of essential relief stocks in containerised form is reviewed, stocks are replenished where necessary and the project is extended to the overseas branches.**

#### **Progress/Achievements and impact**

- The Red Cross Societies of Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago all received containerized relief supplies.
- All three National Societies have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Federation.
- The current phase of the container project is coming to an end with the three Red Cross Societies confirming the receipt of the goods and now finalizing the location, security and retrofitting of the containers.

#### **Constraints**

- There were considerable delays in Trinidad and Tobago to release the containers from the port.
- Although the Barbados Red Cross managed to release the container quickly from the port, the authorizations from port authorities to open the container and avoid tax exemption caused considerable delays.

**Objective 5: Displaced and migrant Haitian communities along the Dominican Republic/Haiti border are assisted through an integrated community based disaster preparedness project.**

#### **Progress/Achievements and impact**

This project is being covered under the Haiti Social Unrest Emergency Appeal (Appeal no. 07/04). Information on activities for this expected result can be found in the Operations Updates for that appeal on the Federation's web site [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org).

## **Humanitarian Values**

**Overall Goal: The National Societies and overseas branches are implementing efficient, responsive and focused programmes which contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable people .**

**Programme Objective: The capacity of National Societies and overseas branches in the Caribbean to promote the Movement's fundamental principles and values has been increased**

**Objective 1: The information and communications capacities of Caribbean National Societies and overseas branches have been strengthened.**

#### **Progress/Achievements and impact**

- After a long period without being published, the Caribbean quarterly newsletter was revived and distributed throughout the region to National Societies, Overseas Branches, PNS and other partners, Embassies and donors. The second newsletter was finalized in April and will be distributed in May. Newsletters have also been made available on the Caribbean Red Cross website [www.caribbeanredcross.org](http://www.caribbeanredcross.org).
- The summarized Regional Cooperation Agreement Strategy (RCAS) was also distributed widely and posted on the website.
- The Sub Regional Office produced a poster entitled "Important dates to Remember," which was shared across the Caribbean. This poster was designed to remind Red Cross entities of 21 key dates, such as World Red Cross Red Crescent Day and World AIDS Day in order to promote events taking place on these dates.



Students in Trinidad and Tobago participated in a massive HIV/AIDS rally during World AIDS Day celebrations in 2003.

- The website [www.caribbeanredcross.org](http://www.caribbeanredcross.org) is being constantly updated and has been made more user-friendly. The number of articles and other information available on the website has increased significantly since 2003.
- The CARAN webpage has been designed and was launched at the CARAN meeting. This will form a central part of the CARAN communication strategy.
- In February, the information officer visited the Grenada Red Cross Society to learn from the activities the National Society is undertaking and assess communication needs. The Grenada Red Cross Society is well recognized on the island and it is hoped that it will contribute towards establishing a small network of Red Cross communicators in the Caribbean.
- In March, the information officer visited the Saint Lucia Red Cross to assess the communication needs. As with Grenada, the Federation will concentrate on helping the National Society reach a wider regional and international audience.
- Badges were produced for World Red Cross Red Crescent Day on 8 May and were shared with Red Cross Societies across the region. In a particularly noteworthy example, the Cayman Islands Red Cross used the badges as a fundraising mechanism and sold over 1,000 of these.

### Constraints

- It remains difficult to ensure that National Societies and Overseas Branches will participate in communication activities and/or provide information on a regular basis.

### Objective 2: Caribbean National Societies and overseas branches are part of the worldwide campaign against the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS and the Red Cross is recognized as a leading voice in the region.

#### Progress/Achievements and impact

- Posters covering the theme “The Truth about AIDS, Pass it On” were printed and distributed to Red Cross Societies across the region for use on World Red Cross Red Crescent Day. Bookmarks covering the same theme were also shared across the region.
- The anti-stigma theme was a major part of the CARAN meeting, with the launch of the sub-titled video “Breaking the Silence”.
- “Stop discrimination” was also the theme for the Red Cross Day party hosted by the Federation and the ICRC in Trinidad. This was well covered by the media.
- At the CARAN meeting, the Sub Regional Office information officer set up an HIV/AIDS information booth, giving Red Cross entities and other partners access to a wide range of materials and information that they could take away with them.
- The CARAN website will include anti-stigma information and materials and will soon be made available to the public.

**Constraints**

- While many National Societies and Overseas Branches are using these materials, it is still difficult to monitor their activities and evaluate the effectiveness of and response to these materials since there is no regular provision of information.

**Objective 3: The Cuban Red Cross has disseminated the fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Movement, promoting attitudes of non violence, tolerance and mutual respect.**

**Progress/Achievements and impact**

- A two-day workshop with youth leaders from 14 provinces in Cuba was carried out in January. The workshop served to provide participants with essential methodologies to develop Red Cross youth programmes. In addition, participants learned about human rights law, safety, disaster preparedness, programme development, and other issues relevant to their responsibilities.

**Organizational development**

**Overall Goal: The National Societies and overseas branches are implementing efficient, responsive and focused programmes which contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable people.**

**Programme Objective: The Caribbean National Societies integrate all the characteristics of a well-functioning National Society to provide a more effective level of humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities.**

**Objective 1: The National Societies of Cuba and the Dominican Republic enhance their capacities through an organizational change process to enable them to carry out the full spectrum of programmes in an effective manner in line with Strategy 2010 and the Santiago de Chile Commitment.**

**Progress/Achievements and impact**

No activities have been reported for this period. The Regional Delegation is currently restructuring its support to the Cuban and Dominican Republic National Societies for 2004.

**Constraints**

- There has been a lack of funding for these projects.

**Objective 2: The capacity of the Haitian Red Cross to meet the needs of the most vulnerable is enhanced.**

**Progress/Achievements and impact**

This project is being covered under the Haiti Social Unrest Emergency Appeal (Appeal no. 07/04). Information on activities for this expected result can be found in the Operations Updates for that appeal on the Federation's web site [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org).

**Objective 3: A Regional Red Cross network is established providing a sustainable solution to the Caribbean's main organizational development needs.**

**Progress/Achievements and impact**

- A proposal for funding the network was approved by the Capacity Building Fund (CBF). In 2004, support from the fund will amount to CHF 96,000 and there is a possibility for further support in 2005.
- The CCORC management committee endorsed the network.
- A letter detailing criteria for participation was sent out across the region including to Overseas Branches. Applications have now been received and the most suitable 12 – 14 candidates to participate in the creation of the organizational development network will be selected.
- Dates for the first three training courses have been set. Each course will be five days in duration and will cover:
  - a) revision of Statutes, governance, management and leadership

- b) national development plans and log frames
- c) resource development and volunteer management.
- DFID funding for organizational development in the Caribbean was also confirmed as part of the DFID / Federation partnership.
- The hiring of a branch officer as part of the Sub Regional Office has ensured increased participation of the six Overseas Branches of the British Red Cross across the spectrum of regional programmes. This has also helped to strengthen the partnership with DFID.

### Constraints

- The National Societies and Overseas Branches of the region were slow in putting forward candidates. This puts the entire schedule of activities under pressure.
- The commitment required from participants is considerable.
- CBF funding was not confirmed until March.

## Federation Coordination

**Overall Goal: The National Societies and overseas branches are implementing efficient, responsive and focused programmes which contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable people .**

**Programme Objective: The Caribbean Red Cross work together as a region recognising the value of peer support and strengthened networks.**

**Objective 1: An active CCORC becomes a credible and sustainable counterpart for all partners wishing to work with the Federation in the Caribbean.**

### Progress/Achievements and impact

- The CCORC was represented by its President at the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) preparatory meeting that was held in the Bahamas. Together with a representative from the Secretariat, the CCORC President promoted the Red Cross's position and concerns as part of a follow up to the joint declaration that was signed by small island Red Cross Societies in Geneva last year. A meeting report was shared with all CCORC members and the concerns of the Red Cross were raised individually with the current chairman of the United Nations General Assembly in the hope that they will be more adequately reflected in any final recommendations that come out of the International Meeting for the 10-year Review of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Small Island Developing States, to be held in Mauritius in January 2005.
- On 4 April the CCORC management committee held their second meeting. Notable results from this meeting include:
  - The CCORC made a decision to support Haiti from the CCORC disaster fund.
  - The administrative support function will be located in the Sub Regional Office. The CCORC will contribute financially towards the costs of this person.
  - The management committee endorsed the disaster management network activities and structure.
  - The President of the Barbados Red Cross Society agreed to take the CCORC plan and budget with him to the Secretariat in Geneva to promote during the Federation board meeting.

### Constraints

- The CCORC membership has done little to promote the plan and budget since it was developed in 2004.
- Communication with the CCORC management committee, and in particular with the secretary, remains difficult.
- No progress was made with the contracting of a CCORC administrative assistant in Saint Lucia. As a result, the management committee took the decision to locate this function out of the Sub Regional Office in Trinidad and Tobago. Interviews will take place in May.
- The management committee finds it hard to follow up on the commitments that they make in meetings.

**Objective 2: The Caribbean RCAS is used in the design of support to Red Cross activities in the region.****Progress/Achievements and impact**

- The shorter version of the RCAS was distributed to all National Societies and Overseas Branches in the region and was positively received. It is also available on the website.
- The CCORC management committee agreed that the summarized RCAS, which is far more user-friendly than the longer version, should be made available in French and Spanish as well as English.

**Constraints**

- Many CCORC members still do not understand how the RCAS fits together with other plans and documents, such as their own national development plans, the plan of the Inter American Conference or Strategy 2010.
- There is limited PNS interest in the English speaking Caribbean and only very limited commitment to honouring or using the RCAS.

**Representation, Management and Implementation**

**Overall Goal: The National Societies and overseas branches are implementing efficient, responsive and focused programmes which contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable people .**

**Programme Objective: The Red Cross is a respected partner of choice for key humanitarian actors and regional organisations with a presence in the Caribbean.**

**Objective 1: More partners are contributing to Red Cross objectives.****Progress/Achievements and impact**

- The partnership with UNICEF continues in terms of peer education and HIV/AIDS. The Belize project is an excellent example of this cooperation.
- The audio soap opera has moved to the script writing stage. A number of agencies are contributing to this shared initiative, including ACS, PAHO, ISDR, IOM, the Caribbean Development Bank and CDERA.
- The Federation has presented concepts for possible funding to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and to the Caribbean Development bank.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), through the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, and with funding from the Japanese government, is contributing the services of the CARAN communications officer for one year with a possible extension to 18 months.

**Constraints**

- There is limited PNS interest in supporting the Red Cross in the Eastern Caribbean. The region is overly reliant on the governments and Red Cross Societies of Great Britain, Japan and Norway.
- The Federation has a limited capacity in the region to be able to follow up on these initiatives.

**Objective 2: The Federation and the CCORC are invited to participate in more regional fora.****Progress/Achievements and impact**

- The Federation participated at an inter-regional meeting organized by CDERA in Barbados in February. At the meeting, the Red Cross approach to community based disaster management, especially community mapping and VCA, was recognized as a leading contribution to the region and the associated tools were shared with national emergency offices and a range of agencies that were present including JICA.
- The regional disaster preparedness delegate represented the Federation at an international meeting in Kobe, Japan. This provided another opportunity to highlight the role of the Red Cross in community based disaster management.
- The CCORC was represented at the SIDS preparatory meeting in the Bahamas.
- In April, the Federation helped CDERA with the organization and facilitation of a meeting in Trinidad on disaster planning and the use of public education materials. Again, the opportunity was used to strengthen

the Red Cross's relationship with CDERA and the participants were impressed by the Red Cross materials that were distributed.

**Constraints**

- Cost implications and a limited budget curtail the Red Cross's participation in a number of regional fora to which it has been invited.

**Objective 3: The Red Cross is able to influence others and play a lead role in the health and disaster sectors in the Caribbean.****Progress/Achievements and impact**

- The MoU with the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) was signed on 14 February. This has a specific focus on disaster management.
- The Red Cross has presented the draft of a revised MoU to CDERA and awaits comments before proceeding further. The draft accentuates the added value of the Red Cross in disaster management, the need to work closely with National Emergency Offices and the experience that the Red Cross has in community based approaches.
- The first round of conversations with the ACS to operationalize the MoU ended with two possible projects to follow up. One is related to building codes and its impact at the community level, and the second one is related to an assessment of maritime ports and the link with the logistic needs of humanitarian operations.
- Stronger operating links have been created between the Red Cross and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency. The previously signed MoU between CDERA and the Federation has been redrafted and is being reviewed by both organizations. The Federation's Port of Spain Sub Regional Office recently handled logistics and facilitation for a CDERA meeting held in Trinidad that covered community based disaster preparedness.

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## PLEDGES RECEIVED

30/06/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					TOTAL COVERAGE	
					1,633,997	70.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				512,167		
BRITISH - RC		9,905	USD	12,371	18.02.04	BRANCH SUPPORT OFFICER
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT				38,500	29.01.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT				35,000	29.01.04	INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT				35,000	29.01.04	CARIBBEAN, PV
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT				25,000	29.01.04	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO HEALTH
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT				40,000	29.01.04	JAMAICA DISASTER MANAGEMENT
BRITISH - RC		15,000	GBP	35,392	05.03.04	DELEGATE
BRITISH - RC		2,502	USD	3,186	11.03.04	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, DP DELEGATE, BRANCH SUPPORT OFFICER
BRITISH - RC		931	USD	1,186	04.05.04	DELEGATE COSTS OSB REG. MEETING
BRITISH - RC		29,714	USD	37,841	04.05.04	BRANCH SUPPORT OFFICERS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC				89,000	10.02.04	CARN, HIV/AIDS, FIRST QUARTER
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1,519,400	NOK	285,647	30.03.04	CARIBBEAN, HIV/AIDS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,150,290	CHF	70.4%

### 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

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SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	

# BUDGET 2004

## PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

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PROGRAMME:	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter & construction	0	12,330	0	0	0	0	12,330
Clothing & textiles	0	8,122	0	0	0	0	8,122
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seeds & plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & first aid	0	1,911	0	0	0	0	1,911
Teaching materials	0	43,929	0	1,000	0	0	44,929
Utensils & tools	0	5,428	0	0	0	0	5,428
Other relief supplies	2,506	29,055	0	0	0	0	31,560
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>100,775</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104,280</b>
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & telecom	0	0	0	3,000	2,772	0	5,772
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other capital exp.	0	4,368	0	0	0	0	4,368
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,140</b>
Warehouse & Distribution	0	44,704	0	0	0	0	44,704
Transport & Vehicules	0	12,000	0	1,890	0	0	13,890
<b>TRANSPORT &amp; STORAGE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,704</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,594</b>
Programme Support	28,187	50,704	1,230	11,104	13,225	0	104,451
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	<b>28,187</b>	<b>50,704</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>11,104</b>	<b>13,225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104,451</b>
Personnel-delegates	0	62,850	0	0	130,800	0	193,650
Personnel-national staff	87,420	58,762	0	32,400	2,520	0	181,101
Consultants	37,600	69,673	0	1,500	2,500	0	111,273
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	<b>125,020</b>	<b>191,285</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,900</b>	<b>135,820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>486,024</b>
W/shops & Training	156,340	168,311	2,000	81,500	8,000	0	416,151
<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>156,340</b>	<b>168,311</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>81,500</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>416,151</b>
Travel & related expenses	93,600	23,125	2,250	14,470	11,250	0	144,695
Information	13,000	138,043	10,450	11,600	20,400	0	193,493
Other General costs	15,000	73,797	3,000	12,370	12,000	0	116,167
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>121,600</b>	<b>234,965</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>38,440</b>	<b>43,650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>454,355</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>433,653</b>	<b>807,112</b>	<b>18,930</b>	<b>170,834</b>	<b>203,467</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,633,997</b>