

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.52/2004; Programme Update no. 2, Period covered: 1 May to 30 September 2004; Appeal coverage: 87.3%; Outstanding needs: CHF 207,903.**

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**Appeal target: CHF 1,633,997 (USD 1,381,338 or EUR 1,071,975); in June, the budget of funding sought was revised downwards from CHF 2,246,678. *Click here to go directly to the attached revised appeal budget.***

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Haiti: Social Unrest Emergency Appeal (07/2004); Dominican Republic and Haiti: Floods Emergency Appeal (13/2004); Cuba: Hurricane Charley Request for Assistance (20/2004); Caribbean: Hurricane Ivan Emergency Appeal (21/2004); Haiti: Floods Emergency Appeal (22/2004); Bahamas: Hurricane Jeanne Emergency Appeal (23/2004)**

**Programme summary:** Through the Port of Spain Sub Regional Office, 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 now being managed by the Panama Regional Delegation with a reinforced country delegation in Haiti. In disaster management the main focus during this reporting period has been on finalizing the ECHO funded Community Based Disaster Management project in four countries. In health the HIV/AIDS programme has concentrated on strengthening the new partnership with the Caribbean Regional Network of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+) and on the "Together We Can" related training and activities. In Organizational Development, the first of a series of workshops to establish a regional network took place, whilst in the area of Humanitarian Values the concentration remains on reducing the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.

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## Operational developments

The Atlantic hurricane season has caused significant loss of life and material damage. The first major storms of the year struck the region in August when Hurricane Charley hit Cuba. A request for assistance for Cuba was launched on 8 September to respond to the needs in the country. In early September, Hurricane Ivan, one of the largest hurricanes in the region in recent years, caused widespread destruction in the Cayman Islands, Cuba, Grenada and Jamaica. An emergency appeal was launched to provide assistance to 85,000 people in these countries. This operation is being coordinated by a sub regional operations office that has been set up in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Following closely on the heels of Ivan, Hurricane Jeanne passed through the northern Caribbean, causing damage in the Bahamas and Haiti. Flooding caused by Hurricane Jeanne in Haiti was particularly severe, killing more than 1,800 people. In addition to these recent emergencies, work is ongoing in the region on the relief effort in Haiti and the Dominican Republic following the floods that occurred in May, and in Haiti in response to the situation of social unrest that has been developing since the beginning of 2004. This large number of emergency relief operations has affected ongoing programming as most resources have been diverted to address these needs. The ongoing emergency appeals will continue to delay some of the proposed regional activities until the beginning of 2005.

## Health and Care

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

**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.**

**Expected Result 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 and Impact

- On 29 September 2004 a partnership Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Federation and the Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+). The CRN+, representing 29 territories in the Caribbean, is expanding its membership base and has spawned six networks of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). It is also part of the larger Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+), and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW). The meeting was attended by Federation staff, the Federation global anti-stigma campaign manager, the GNP+ coordinator, the public relations officer of the Caribbean Red Cross HIV/AIDS Network and members of Jamaica, Guyana, Grenada, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago PLWHA organizations.
- Using the Federation Global anti stigma strategy, the CRN+ communication officer and the Caribbean Red Cross HIV/AIDS Network's communication officer developed a regional anti stigma strategy. Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CRN+ and the Federation, a one and a half day workshop was held with the network members to disseminate the strategy. A draft work plan was produced.
- The partnership took immediate effect as both parties were called to respond to a blatant act of stigma and discrimination when a local paper posted confidential information on 24 PLWHA in its HIV/AIDS series. Together a press conference was called and a public statement was delivered in the local media.
- CRN+ ensured that the Federation was invited to the high level United Kingdom-Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) meeting on stigma and discrimination in November in St Kitts.

### Constraints

- As yet no funding has been secured for other components of the health programme outside of HIV/AIDS related activities.

**Expected result 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 and Impact

- National Societies and Overseas Branches drafted national Together We Can (TWC) implementation plans that will be used to organize their activities over the next six months.
- A TWC proposal covering nine islands was presented to UNICEF by the Federation Port of Spain Sub-Regional Office.
- A further proposal was presented to British Petroleum. As a follow up, the Federation was asked to prepare a plan for the provision of HIV/AIDS education services to their personnel.
- The development of Monitoring and Evaluation tools and methodologies is underway.
- A status report conducted by the regional HIV/AIDS and youth officer on the status of TWC in the region stated that since the release of revised TWC materials at the start of this year, a total of 5,625 persons have been exposed to the methodology, 3,830 of whom are peers.
- During the reporting period the following TWC trainers were trained :
  - National trainer level –Guyana 8, Barbados 3 (Total 11)
  - Instructor trainer level – St Maarten 20, Montserrat 20, Bonaire 5, Antigua and Barbuda 20 (total 65)
  - Peer Educator level –Trinidad and Tobago 29, Belize 60 (Total 89)



Several young men and women were trained as TWC peer educators during the last few months.

- The Turks and Caicos Island Overseas Branch, with support from the Netherlands Red Cross, provided TWC training for the Ministry of Health's HIV/AIDS prevention initiative for Haitian communities living in the country.
- The Belize Red Cross Society (BRCS) secured a six month extension and additional funding from UNICEF for its TWC project. A house to house mapping exercise was carried out which identified a total of 21 high transmission areas in Belize City. The BRCS also secured funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for an in-school project for youth in especially difficult circumstances.
- The BRCS reached over 10,000 youths through TWC social mobilization activities including an HIV/AIDS TWC float during Belize Carnival, radio and TV spots, and an out-of-school youth basketball tournament.
- In addition to the Belize Red Cross Society, the Saint Lucia Red Cross also secured UNFPA funding for youth in particularly challenging circumstances.
- With the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP), the Federation strengthened its role as joint lead agency with UNICEF for priority area three of the regional strategic framework: prevention of HIV transmission amongst young people. The Federation / Caribbean Red Cross HIV/AIDS Network (CARAN) has also been invited to be a support agency for priority area four: prevention of HIV/AIDS in especially vulnerable communities and the Federation's partnership with CRN+ increases its role in priority area two, which includes care, treatment and support of people living with HIV/AIDS.

### Constraints

- There is a need for a more coordinated approach with the recording of social mobilization statistics. This activity is a function of the networking needs of the Red Cross and serves to expose larger numbers of

young people to the Red Cross programme and HIV/AIDS information in general. However, whilst a number of National Societies and Overseas Branches are engaged in these types of activity, only the Belize Red Cross Society has passed on serviceable data.

- Reporting from regional and national trainers/National Societies has not been as frequent and detailed as needed to provide adequate feedback.
- Linkages with national HIV/AIDS programmes remain a challenge for some National Societies which have yet to include HIV/AIDS as a core activity.
- There is an absence of ongoing youth programmes in some National Societies to sustain the interest and involvement of young people.
- Limited funding has prevented start-up TWC initiatives in some National Societies.
- There is still insufficient evidence of TWC impact on the ground. However, this should improve as the focus is shifted from the training of trainers phase towards improved reporting and a concentration on reaching peers.
- The severe hurricane season has affected the capacity of the CARAN executive, key members of which have been involved in response activities amongst affected populations.

**Expected result 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.**

There is a lack of donor interest in this area of the health programme and as a result no activities have been carried out during the reporting period.

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

**Progress and Impact**

- The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society (TTRCS) HIV/AIDS office selected 26 Instructor Trainer Trainees to be trained to implement TWC in three branches of the National Society.
- Partnerships were established between the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Youth Clubs and the TTRCS HIV/AIDS office to facilitate the training of Peer Educators.
- An official agreement was reached between the Ministry of Health and the TTRCS in the implementation of Project Life.
- A Youth Information and Fun Day was held on 21 August. In attendance were approximately 300 young people between the ages of 10 and 19. The initiative was a success in providing information on HIV/AIDS, and other youth-related issues.
- The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society has successfully applied to the Trinidad and Tobago National AIDS Coordinating committee for funding to expand the project.



A young visitor goes through a Together We Can (TWC) manual at the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross' "HIV/AIDS Information and Fun Day," which was held in August.

**Constraints**

- The increasing workload of the TWC project could possibly lead to burn out of the four volunteer National Trainers.
- Funding for the expanded project has not yet been received.

- The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society may not be in a position to take advantage of opportunities readily available for the implementation of a Prevention of Mother to Child project locally, given the need for internal support of the project.

## **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.**

**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.**

**Expected result 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 and Impact:**

- The DIPECHO IV project has come to a close in the participating countries. Having received an extension of two months, the four National Societies of Jamaica, St Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines wrapped up activities on 31 August 2004.
- The Community Disaster Response teams completed their training and received emergency response kits, including personal gear such as raincoats, hard hats, waterproof boots, identification vests, loudhailers, ropes, and first aid kits.
- The Community Disaster Response teams in three of the four countries participating in the DIPECHO IV project were called into action during the 2004 Atlantic Hurricane season. Field reports indicate that the teams performed well in areas such as public alert and warning, voluntary evacuations, shelter management, search and rescue, damage and needs assessment, as well as relief management.
- Following the impact of Hurricane Ivan on Grenada, some 500 copies of the Community First Aid Guide were distributed in the island, targeting shelters and homes with multiple family occupancy.
- The roof-retrofitting component of the DIPECHO IV project was implemented in Jamaica and Saint Lucia. The Jamaica Red Cross enlisted the Engineering Corps of the Jamaica Defence Force to assist with the identification of roof straps to be promoted, and communities were exposed to demonstrations. In Saint Lucia, craftsmen were identified, trained in the correct installation of the retrofitting straps, and prepared to interact with the communities regarding the installations.
- Progress has continued on the audio soap opera project, being conducted in collaboration with partner agencies such as the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA), the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Focusing on risk reduction surrounding the theme of flooding and severe weather incidents, the first draft of the scripts has been received and is being reviewed. A theme song is being developed. Production of the audio soap opera is scheduled for November 2004. The Caribbean Development Bank has expressed an interest in disseminating the audio soap opera to some of its member countries.
- While the draft of the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CDERA is still under consideration by that organization, stronger operating links between the two agencies are evident. CDERA's level of participation in the soap opera project has been high. Additionally, during the emergency phase of Hurricane Ivan relief operations, frequent and clear communication has been maintained between the two agencies. The Federation was invited by CDERA not only to attend the Caribbean Region Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR), but to take the lead in coordinating the sessions on community disaster planning, including Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA).
- The Federation was invited by the United States Southern Command to attend the Initial Planning Conference for "Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias" (FAHUM) 2005, their annual seminar/exercise for the Caribbean. Subsequently, the Federation has been tasked to jointly coordinate the session on non-governmental organizations, international organizations and private sector integration into Multi-National

Disaster Response Operations (International Health Assistance). The co coordinators of the session are from the Pan American Health Organization.

- The MoU between the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the Federation was reviewed at a meeting of that organization's Special Committee on Natural Disasters for the benefit of its members.
- The future participation of the Federation in ECHO funded projects was facilitated by the latter's Grant Management Workshop. The workshop familiarized participants with the new Framework Partnership Agreement between ECHO and the Federation, introducing the new rules and procedures governing the implementation of ECHO projects.
- A project proposal was developed for Community Based Disaster Management in six communities in three countries: Belize, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Lucia. A significantly larger mitigation component than previously executed under the DIPECHO IV project has been added to the proposal submitted to the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) for their consideration.
- The National Societies and Overseas Branches of the region attended a workshop on "Responding to Disasters with Limited Resources" and the hurricane season meeting that followed. These activities targeted those with disaster preparedness and logistics responsibilities. Contingency planning, supply management and communications were among the areas discussed.
- The British Red Cross Overseas Branches met to discuss the improvement of disaster management and progress toward Well Prepared Overseas Branch status. The decision was taken to develop a three-year strategy in support of this. Currently, the Overseas Branches have each submitted a list of priority needs as relates to disaster management and these will be used to inform the strategy.

### Constraints

- The ECHO funding cycle for the DIPECHO IV project was not sufficiently long term. Despite the success of the Community Disaster Response Teams (CDRT), some of the other project activities have not been carried to satisfactory conclusion.
- National Societies in the DIPECHO IV project continued to have difficulties with timely reporting, both narrative as well as financial.
- Dissemination of some of the material developed for the DIPECHO IV project proved costly, above that requested in the project budget.
- The contracting of the scriptwriter for the audio soap opera project took longer than expected. The project has also been delayed in the revision process with all participating agencies being stretched for manpower in the wake of Hurricane Ivan's passage in the region.
- The preparation of the Community Based Disaster Management project proposal for submission to the Caribbean Development Bank was a time-consuming process as the Federation attempted to tailor its submission to the requirements of the donor.

**Expected result 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 and Impact

- The disaster management network met once during the reporting period. At that meeting, in addition to the predetermined discussions of the use of Memoranda of Understanding by National Societies and Overseas Branches, the Network participated in the evaluation of the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit, and discussed facilitation of a communication equipment network throughout the region.
- The Network was presented to the region's National Societies and Overseas Branches at the July Hurricane Season meeting. Many of the National Societies and Overseas Branches present expressed interest both in the work of the ad hoc group, as well as in serving on the Network.
- Work on the formal Terms of Reference for the Network and the criteria for selection of Advisory Board members has been initiated.

### Constraints

- With some serving members of the ad hoc group being volunteers and some others holding challenging offices in their respective National Societies, attendance by the designated members has not been constant.

- Despite their participation in various disaster management related activities, the relevance to and ownership of the network by National Societies and Overseas Branches is yet to materialize.

**Expected result 3: The Jamaica 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 and Impact

- The Jamaica Red Cross performed admirably in response to Hurricane Ivan's impact on the country. Documented by independent sources, this may be attributed to the improved disaster management structure, increased preparedness, improved volunteer management and improved community based disaster management activities. Red Cross staff and volunteers were able to contribute in areas of early warning, preparedness, response, search and rescue, shelter management, first aid and damage assessment and needs analysis, supply management and relief distribution.



The Jamaica Red Cross held a number of Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA) trainings in their rural communities. One such community which benefited from this training was Cedar Valley.

- Four of the National Society staff have been trained in the use of the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS).
  - New equipment has been acquired for the first aid programme and the training manuals have been revised.
  - The volunteer development programme is underway.
  - Interns from the University of the West Indies' Mass Communications Department assisted in the development of Red Cross publications and website. One intern has since joined the staff of the Disaster Management and Emergency Health programme.
  - Disaster Mental Health training materials, lesson plans and teaching aids have been revised, and the Disaster Mental Health programme was implemented in Jamaica as part of the Hurricane Ivan response.
  - The Jamaica Red Cross Psychological Support Team has been asked to provide intervention in both the Cayman Islands and Grenada following the impact of Hurricane Ivan in those two countries.

### Constraints

- The Jamaica Red Cross Society is involved in a number of regional initiatives which impacts its available resources.

**Expected result 4: The provision of essential relief stocks in containerized form is reviewed, stocks are replenished where necessary and the project is extended to the Overseas Branches.**

### Progress and Impact

- The Red Cross Societies of Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago have finalized identification of the location and issues relating to the security of the containers.
- Discussions have taken place regarding the expansion of the project to include the Overseas Branches. The intensity of the 2004 Atlantic Hurricane Season has confirmed the need to revisit decisions already taken in this regard.
- In countries impacted during the 2004 Atlantic Hurricane Season, those National Societies with containers found themselves well placed to provide emergency relief in the immediate aftermath.

### Constraints

- The regional response to the 2004 Atlantic Hurricane Season, while highlighting the importance of pre-positioned containerized supplies, has left little time for the coordination of the project expansion.

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

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 issued for that appeal.

## 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.**

**Expected result 1: The information and communications capacities of Caribbean National Societies and Overseas Branches have been strengthened.**

### Progress and Impact

- A Caribbean Red Cross AIDS Network, CARAN, communications officer was recruited in June to assist the information officer as well as the HIV/AIDS department to help maintain the new CARAN web pages and the Caribbean Red Cross website [www.caribbeanredcross.org](http://www.caribbeanredcross.org). As a result, the website is now being managed by the Port-of-Spain Sub Regional Office with technical assistance from the Lima Regional Delegation.
- In June, the information officer visited the Anguilla Overseas Branch of the British Red Cross to assess its communication needs and introduce the Overseas Branch to FedNet. During the visit, she assisted the President in identifying a communications focal point for the Anguilla Overseas Branch. The Anguilla Overseas Branch is well recognized on the island and it is hoped that it will contribute towards establishing a small network of Red Cross communicators there.
- The CARAN web section, comprising more than 30 pages, became available for public viewing in early July. New content is added to the CARAN web pages at least fortnightly, mainly in the News and Resources pages. Work has also started on merging and updating the Together We Can and National Societies and Overseas Branches profile pages.
- Over 40 news stories and press releases from National Societies and Overseas Branches and other sources were added to [www.caribbeanredcross.org](http://www.caribbeanredcross.org) during the period covered in this report. At least six new stories from National Societies and Overseas Branches are added to the website on a monthly basis. The number of articles and other information available on the website has increased significantly since 2003.
- Attempts are being made to make the website more user friendly with programme specific links which include Organizational Development, HIV/AIDS, Disaster Management and Youth. The new pages and links will be added shortly.
- The total number of visitors to the Caribbean website increased by 1,706 persons, an increase of 59.3 percent. There were 678 new visitors (see table below) for this period. In general, substantial increases were recorded in all sections. Reasons for the increase include the reporting on the 2004 hurricane season and the launch of the CARAN web section.

	1 July – 30 September 2004	1 April – 30 June 2004
Total Visitors	4,581	2,875
Average Visitor per day	49	31
Total Unique IP's (Visitors)	2,412	1,734
Total Page Views	17,185	6,825
Average Page View per day	186	75
Average Page View per visitor	3.75	2.37

- The third issue of the Caribbean Red Cross newsletter was completed in July and distributed throughout the region to National Societies and Overseas Branches, Partner National Societies and other partners including Embassies and donors. This edition saw an increase in contributions from National Societies and Overseas Branches. There were contributions from 13 National Societies and Overseas Branches in the Red Cross in Action Segment. As a result of the increase in contributions, this edition had six pages instead of four. The newsletters are also available on the Caribbean Red Cross website.
- In July, the Information Officer visited the Belize Red Cross Society to learn from the activities that the National Society is undertaking and assess communication needs. As with Anguilla, a FedNet workshop was conducted and a communications focal person was identified. This person will help the Federation to promote the work of the Belize Red Cross Society to a wider regional and international audience.
- In September, a special link was added to the Caribbean website to commemorate World First Aid Day. It included information for National Societies and Overseas Branches to use on World First Aid Day 2004 which was commemorated on 11 September under the theme “First Aid – A gesture of Humanity which makes a difference.” Information of National Societies and Overseas Branches activities for this day has also been made available.
- Hurricane Ivan made its way through the Caribbean in September, causing massive destruction. A total of 17 situation updates (from September 6-17) were circulated throughout the Red Cross in the region, keeping them informed on the operations in the countries which were affected by Ivan. Media coverage was extensive and updates continue to be circulated.
- The website has been frequently updated with new stories and reports on different hurricanes that also affected this region.



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### Constraints

- While many National Societies and Overseas Branches are recognizing the importance of giving visibility to their work and have started increasing their contribution to the newsletters and the website, it remains difficult to ensure that National Societies and Overseas Branches participate in communication activities and/or provide information on a regular basis.
- It has also been difficult to monitor and evaluate the impact of promotional activities, particularly due to the lack of information provided by National Societies and Overseas Branches.

**Expected result 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 and Impact

- The CARAN Communications Officer has started working on a communications strategy for CARAN which will give visibility to the work that National Societies and Overseas Branches are doing in the area of HIV/AIDS.

- The integration of the CARAN web pages to the Caribbean website has also given National Societies and Overseas Branches the opportunity to highlight their efforts in reducing the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS.
- A total of 12 stories from National Societies and Overseas Branches relating to HIV/AIDS and stigma and discrimination were added to the CARAN web page since its launch in July.
- Efforts were also made to prepare National Societies and Overseas Branches for World AIDS Day 2004, which will be commemorated on 1 December. Materials such as posters, key rings, Red Cross pins, stickers and bookmarks were all produced and distributed to National Societies and Overseas Branches to assist them in their preparations for World AIDS Day. The materials included anti-stigma messages from “The Truth About AIDS....Pass it on,” campaign. National Societies and Overseas Branches have been encouraged to use these materials throughout the year as part of their anti-stigma campaigns and not just on World AIDS Day.
- The Port-of-Spain Sub Regional Office also signed an MoU with the Caribbean Regional Network of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+) as part of its efforts to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS. It is hoped that through this MoU, National Societies and Overseas Branches will be encouraged to work with their local PLWHA networks to fight stigma and discrimination.
- The CARAN Communications Officer has developed the website for CRN+ and has provided technical support to PANCAP to improve its website. This kind of cooperation has resulted in an increased number of links between the Federation’s website and those of partner organizations and vice versa.



The CARAN web page was a welcomed addition to the Caribbean Red Cross website [www.caribbeanredcross.org](http://www.caribbeanredcross.org)

### Constraints

- It remains difficult to monitor the activities of National Societies and Overseas Branches and evaluate the effectiveness of and response to these materials since there is no regular provision of information.
- It is also difficult to acquire information from National Societies and Overseas Branches about their HIV/AIDS programmes; as a result some of the information available on the CARAN website requires updating.

**Expected result 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.**

- No activities have been carried out this area during the reporting period given a lack of funds for programmes in Cuba.

### 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.**

**Expected Result 1: The National Societies of Cuba and the Dominican Republic enhance their capacities through and 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 and Impact

- The revised Statutes of the Dominican Red Cross, which were a major focus in 2003, were approved in May 2004. The new Statutes include, among other achievements, new benefits for volunteers, a new category of social volunteer and the participation of a youth representative on the National Society's board of directors.
- Two members of the Cuban Red cross and two members of the Dominican Red Cross Society took part in the three-day Volunteer Conference held in Costa Rica on 24-26 September. The conference served to put together a consolidated model for volunteer management, including best practices and lessons learned from Movement and non-Movement members.
- The regional organizational development network for Central America, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean was established, with two members of the Cuban Red Cross and the Dominican Red Cross now part of the network. The goal of this network is to provide assistance regarding the key elements of organizational development around the region, thereby increasing the ability of National Societies to support each other in organizational development issues. Members of the regional organizational development network will attend the "1<sup>st</sup> Regional OD Network Workshop" in Antigua, Guatemala in October.

### Constraints

- There has been a lack of funding for these projects. In addition, the persons selected to represent their National Societies in the organizational development network do not hold leadership positions, which may affect the good reception of their proposals and initiatives.

### **Expected result 2: The capacity of the Haitian National Red Cross Society to meet the needs of the most vulnerable is enhanced.**

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.

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

### Progress and Impact

- A total of 15 senior level participants (5 from each sub-regional group of the Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross) were selected for the Regional Organizational Development Network training. This allows for some attrition as members become more aware of the considerable commitment involved.
- From 28 June to 2 July, participants were trained in understanding Organizational Development, governance and management and the revision of Statutes. The Statutes session was facilitated by a Danish Red Cross representative who had been involved in the production of the Federation's "Guidelines for Statutes Revision". The participants jointly agreed on a vision statement and a mission statement for the network and appointed two focal points for the membership.
- Facilitators for the next two training sessions have been confirmed with support from the British Red Cross. Some of the participants with key relevant skills have also been asked to facilitate a number of sessions. Session two will cover leadership and planning while session three focuses on resource development and volunteer management.

### Constraints

- The severe hurricane season and its direct impact on network members meant that the second training course was delayed. This will now take place from 22 to 26 November 2004. During this session, members will agree on a date for the third training during the first quarter of 2005.

## **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 recognizing the value of peer support and strengthened networks.**

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

### **Progress and Impact**

- The CCORC transferred a total of USD 2,000 from its disaster management fund to the Haitian National Red Cross Society for the purchase of medical supplies in relation to the floods operation.
- The CCORC administrator has been recruited and is based in the Port of Spain Sub-regional office. The CCORC has agreed to cover part of the salary costs for this post.
- The third CCORC management committee meeting has taken place in October.

### **Constraints**

- So far, no funding has been committed towards the CCORC plan and budget.

**Expected result 2: The Caribbean RCAS is used in the design of support to Red Cross activities in the region.**

### **Progress and Impact**

- The revised summary version of the Regional Cooperation Agreement Strategy (RCAS) was translated into French and Spanish and has been shared with the National Societies of Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

### **Constraints**

- Few Partner National Societies use the RCAS; however, with the renewed interest in the region this situation will be addressed again in 2005.

## **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 organizations with a presence in the Caribbean.**

**Expected result 1: More partners are contributing to Red Cross objectives.**

### **Progress and Impact**

- The audio soap opera is well into the script writing stage with the first drafts being reviewed. A number of agencies are partnering with the Red Cross in this initiative, including the Association of Caribbean States, the Caribbean Disaster Response Agency, the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the Pan American Health Organization.
- The Caribbean Development Bank is actively considering the Red Cross proposal to launch a community based disaster management project in three countries in the region.
- The partnership with CRN+ has been formalized through the signing of a MOU.
- Proposals have been presented to UNICEF and to British Petroleum to support Red Cross work in HIV/AIDS.

**Expected result 2: The Federation and the CCORC are invited to participate in more regional fora.****Progress and Impact**

- The implementation of the Eastern Caribbean Donor Group agreement with respect to Hurricane Ivan is underway.
- The President of the Federation has asked a key member of the Caribbean Cooperation of the Red Cross (CCORC) management committee, who is also a member of the governing board, to represent him at the Mauritius meeting on Small Island Developing States.

**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.

**Expected result 3: The Red Cross is able to influence others and play a lead role in the health and disaster sectors in the Caribbean.****Progress and Impact**

- The United States Southern Command invited the Federation to the FAHUM 2005 IPC. Subsequently, the Port of Spain Sub-regional Office is co-coordinating a session with PAHO. This will allow the Federation to advance the Red Cross objectives in the region, and expose prospective partners to the Red Cross programme.
- The Federation was invited by CDERA to chair a session at the Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction.

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## PLEDGES RECEIVED

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

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1,633,997	TOTAL COVERAGE 87.3%	
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				478,055		
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
BRITISH - RC		13,206	USD	16,699	08.07.04	LIMITED RESOURCES TRAINING COURSE
BRITISH - RC		10,870	GBP	24,849	28.09.04	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, BRANCH SUPPORT OFFICER, DM OFFICER,
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				96,000	06.07.04	
ICRC		1,060	USD	1,340	01.10.04	WORLD RC/RC DAY
JAPANESE - RC		111,341	USD	140,791	10.09.04	DP CONTAINER PROJECT
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
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		163,000	NOK	30,237	14.10.04	CARAN HIV/AIDS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,426,094	CHF	87.3%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

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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

# BUDGET 2004

## PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

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Name: Caribbean sub-regional programmes

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>