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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

BOTSWANA

Appeal no. 05AA009

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Programme title	2005 in CHF
Strengthening the National Society	
Health and care	381,926
Disaster management	50,328
Organizational development	34,290
Total	466,544¹

¹ USD 370,600 or EUR 300,500.

National Context

Botswana struggles with the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in the world with up to more than 40% among the adults aged 15-49 years. The disease has an enormous impact on the country as a whole with negative economic growth and decreased agricultural output.

The number of orphans and dependents continues to rise as the disease continues to spread. Botswana Red Cross increased efforts in the fight against the spread of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and has established a home-based care (HBC) project in Kasane, which is one of the districts most affected by HIV/AIDS. The national society continued to strengthen the prevention project in Kanye district and an extra prevention project was established in the Dukwi refugees camp where peer educators were trained in HIV/AIDS prevention and are sensitizing refugees and host communities.



Human Development Indicators at a Glance

Category	Botswana	Sub-Saharan Africa	World
Total population (millions)	1.8	641.0	6,225.0
GDP per capita (USD)	3,080	469	5,174
Life expectancy at birth (years): Female - Male	42.3 - 40.4	n.a.	n.a.
Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births	80	108	56
Maternal mortality per 100,000 live births (adjusted ratio)(2000)	100	n.a.	n.a.
Population (%) with sustainable access to an improved water source (2000)	95	57	82
HIV prevalence (% , ages 15-49) (2003)	37.3	7.7	01.1
Adult literacy rate (% , ages 15 and above) Female - Male	81.5 - 76.1	n.a.	n.a.

Source: UNDP Human Development Report, July 2004: Human Development Index (pages 139-250). Refer to http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2004/pdf/hdr04_HDI.pdf Note: Data is 2002 unless noted above.

For ease of reference, the table below lists the standard abbreviations and references used in this Appeal.

CAS – Cooperation Agreement Strategies	OVC – Orphans and other vulnerable children
CHF – Swiss francs	PLWHA - Persons living with HIV/AIDS
HBC – Home -based care	PNS - Partner National Society(ies)
IDP – Internally-displaced persons	STI / STD - Sexually-transmitted infections / diseases
IEC – Information, Education, Communication	VCA – Vulnerability and capacity assessment
Movement - International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.	
ARCHI 2010 – refer to http://www.ifrc.org/what/health/archi/	
ERU – Emergency Response Unit(s) Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/eru/	
FACT – Field Assessment and Coordination Team(s). Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/fact/	
Strategy 2010 – refer to http://www.ifrc.org/who/strategy.asp	
Ouagadougou Declaration – refer to http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/regional/africa/5thpac/5thpacde.asp	
Seville Agreement – refer to http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/statutory/ga/ga97/ga_97_8.asp	

Red Cross Red Crescent Priorities

National Society Strategy/Programme Priorities:

The Botswana Red Cross Society² community-based rehabilitation programme is giving assistance to the disabled in the form of life skills to enhance their coping mechanisms and to improve their social well-being and dignity in the community. The national society runs two rehabilitation centres in the country and is supported by the government. In addition, the national society conducts outreach activities through this programme to reach other vulnerable people with disabilities and to enhance their HIV/AIDS awareness.

The national society has been a major contributor to the provision of first aid training to the public and business community. Through the trained first aid focal persons, the national society intends to roll out its community-based first aid activities into all areas where the HIV/AIDS programme exists. Malaria and tuberculosis will be another focal area in the next four years. The project will focus primarily on community education and sensitization, promotion of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, promotion of early detection of malaria among individuals and early treatment. At the same time, the national society will continue to work closely with UNHCR for the provision of care and support to the refugees in Dukwi refugee camp. The national society is an implementing partner and receives funding for operation from UNHCR and the government.

Disaster preparedness and response is another priority area; the national society will continue to strengthen its capacity to effectively respond to human and natural disasters that affect the nation, through establishment of early warning systems.

However, the national society is still struggling to put structures and systems in place. There is willingness and desire within the Botswana Red Cross to change the way it operates. The staff and management are ready to see this change process, and await support from internal and external partners to put it forward.

The Botswana Red Cross launched a joint HBC programme with Namibia Red Cross and Zambia Red Cross across their common borders along the Caprivi Strip. The cross border project constitutes a significant step in trying to curb the pandemic in an area where the HIV/AIDS prevalent rates are up to 50%. The boarder posts between the three countries are busy with people travelling back and forth and this constant movement has called for a common approach in fighting HIV/AIDS related diseases.

Alongside the change process, the national society has reviewed its constitution and the interim governance has been put in place. The divisions throughout the country also have to be revitalized. This will involve vigorous recruitment of division members, volunteers and election of committee members; this should be addressed to enable the Botswana Red Cross to become a well-functioning national society. Organizational development issues are apparently the foremost priority to the Botswana Red Cross.

The Federation will continue to focus on capacity building process of Botswana Red Cross to ensure that the national society has the adequate institutional capacity to respond to the enormous humanitarian needs in the country. Overall priority will be to scale up HIV/AIDS activities in order to reduce HIV/AIDS transmission rates and mitigate the impact of the disease in the country. Partnerships with other organizations will also be explored to ensure successful implementation of all programmes.

Movement Context:

The Botswana Red Cross Society was founded in 1948 as a branch of the British Red Cross. It was later established through a parliamentary act after independence in 1968. Botswana Red Cross has only 20% of its branches active. The divisions need to increase the national society presence at the district and sub-district levels. Priority support will be given to those districts with active projects.

The Botswana Red Cross has not yet developed a CAS; the national society is still finalizing the strategic plan. With the support of the Federation Regional Delegation in Harare, CAS development – outlining focus areas and needs for support - will be done following the finalization of the strategic plan.

² Botswana Red Cross Society - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=34>

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Currently the Federation is providing support to the national society in the areas of disaster preparedness and response, organizational development, and HIV/AIDS. The Botswana Red Cross collaborates with ICRC, the Federation, UNHCR and the Botswana government when implementing activities.

Primary support to the Botswana Red Cross from the Movement and other agencies 2004 – 2007

	Health	Relief	Humanitarian values	Organizational development
ICRC			XX	
Botswana government	XX			XX
Federation	XX	XX	XX	XX
UNHCR	XX	XX		

Strengthening the National Society

Health and Care: HIV/AIDS

Background and Achievements

HIV/AIDS pandemic is the greatest challenge facing Botswana today. The country is facing a situation where every Motswana is either infected or affected; having lost a relative, friend, workmate or acquaintance to the pandemic. The national adult prevalence rate is 37.3%.

The national society is implementing various activities, based on ARCHI 2010, to reduce the vulnerability of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The regular technical and financial support from the Federation has enabled the national society to scale up HIV/AIDS activities. Baseline surveys were carried out in 2001 and 2003 to generate more information about the pandemic and about the key players in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The national society has continued to develop youth peer education programme through 49 schools in Kanye, Moshupa, Dukwi refugee camp and Tonota. The prevention programme has reached 30,000 youths and has trained 124 youth peer educators.

In the HBC programme, 13 care facilitators are giving home care to 59 clients in Kasane, and 6 care facilitators are caring for 37 clients in Dukwi refugee camp.

Botswana Red Cross is playing a leading role in the provision of psychological and social support for OVC in Chobe district where there is only one government social worker responsible for nine villages, and the number of orphans is increasing daily due to the high mortality rate from HIV/AIDS. Antiretroviral therapy is now available in the district but it came at a time when many patients were too ill and could not respond to treatment. To support these OVC the national society, with the support of Salvation Army Psychosocial Support Initiative (SAPSSI) has introduced a mentoring programme which matches caring adults in the community with the OVC. The adult volunteers assist the children in their school work, play games with them, and are available to give advice, guidance and advocate for their other needs to be met. A total of 20 mentors were trained in August 2004 to work with the Red Cross Project Officer in Kasane in mentoring these children.

The 2005 Appeal will focus on consolidation and expansion of the existing prevention, HBC and OVC programmes and a new HBC project will be set up in Tonota.

Approximately 60% of the HIV/AIDS budget is covered by the consortium funding of the regional HIV/AIDS programme; the remainder (approx. CHF 160,000) is required through this Appeal.

The Federation regional HIV/AIDS support team will continue to provide technical support to the national society HIV/AIDS project in the form of support visits and training. The fund for this support is in the regional HIV/AIDS budget.

Goal: Sustainable improvement in the health and well being of targeted vulnerable populations

Objective: The impact of the HIV/AIDS programme has increased by the end of 2005 through increasing the quality and reach of the programme.

Expected Results:

- Knowledge, attitudes, practices and behaviour of additional 20,000 youth and 30,000 adults is improved
- A total of 200 people in Chobe and Tutume districts receive care and support
- A total of 500 OVC receive psychological and social support
- Increased openness and acceptance of PLWHA and OVC
- Improved capacity of national society to implement the HIV/AIDS programme through their branches

<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix : Botswana Health-HIV/AIDS>
http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?/annual05/logframes/africa/05AA009HH.pdf

Disaster Management

Background and Achievements

Botswana Red Cross is in the process of strengthening its disaster management capacities to be able to deal appropriately with disasters with the participation of the communities at risk. Due to the country's disaster scenarios and vulnerabilities, Botswana Red Cross has recognized the need to empower local communities to reduce risks through community-based initiatives. In January 2004, Botswana Red Cross conducted a vulnerability capacity assessment (VCA) in three villages of Boronong, Molalatau and Mathathane in the sub district of Bobirwa. This was used to map out hazards, vulnerabilities and capacities within the target areas and the community identified and prioritized the need for community-based food security initiative in the form of a community garden of which preparations are underway.

In April 2004, the national society deployed a team to assess the flooding situation in the Chobe district following the over flowing of the Zambezi river resulting in flooding in Kasane and surrounding villages. The assessment report revealed the damage to the vulnerable communities was limited to loss of crops and destruction of mud shacks along the Chobe River and people had relocated themselves to safer ground. Botswana Red Cross would like to strengthen the local branch capacity and pre-position some emergency stocks.

The national society has also trained a substantial number of volunteers but volunteer management has been poor, thus only a few are still active and there is need to strengthen the volunteer base. Botswana Red Cross does not have a strong financial base which puts limitations on the implementation of programme activities and to loss of skilled personnel and volunteers due to poor salaries and incentives. However, with new management in place, Botswana Red Cross would like to raise their profile including developing a fundraising strategy. This involves working in partnership with other stakeholders within government, local communities, private sector and developing integrated, multi-sectoral programmes that benefit the vulnerable. Disaster management agreement should be encouraged between Botswana Red Cross, government and other partners.

The national society's current programme for 2005 will focus on the development of disaster management policy and enhancing relevant activities, as well as empowering communities to undertake risk reduction measures that can make them resilient to disasters.

The disaster management plan includes the training of 30 staff and volunteers in basic disaster management as well as participation in the regional disaster response team (RDRT) training. In empowering communities to mitigate disasters, Botswana Red Cross will conduct VCA in one district and disaster awareness, hazard and risk analysis workshops in three disaster prone areas, where communities can identify their priorities and set up community-based disaster preparedness initiatives.

Goal: Improved disaster preparedness and response mechanism to enable vulnerable communities to cope with the effects of disasters through capacity building and appropriate interventions.

Objective: Enhanced national society capacity in disaster management through capacity building and community empowerment interventions.

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Expected Results :

- Botswana Red Cross capacity in disaster management is strengthened through the establishment of minimum standards of a well prepared national society.
- Improved national society disaster preparedness and response through capacity building of staff and volunteers.
- Vulnerable communities empowered through community disaster awareness training, risk and hazard analysis in three disaster prone regions.
- VCA conducted in one division by August 2005.
- Improved refugee services in health care are achieved through well coordinated services.

<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix : Botswana Disaster Management>
http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?/annual05/logframes/africa/05AA009DM.pdf

Organizational Development

Background and Achievements

The Botswana Red Cross has of late been going through a difficult time, it has been without an elected governance body since 1997 and key members of staff have also left the national society due low salaries and lack of management support. Although divisional activities are being carried out, they have not been very effective in the last five years due to staff turnover and lack of governance support. There is need to create functional structures both for governance and management and to define more clearly the roles of governance and management.

However during the last 18 months, the interim governance has undertaken to resolve and improve the performance of the national society and building a positive image. The interim governance has hired a Secretary General and revised the constitution. Branches are being revived with special focus on service provision to the targeted vulnerable population. The Federation will continue to prioritize the support to Botswana Red Cross in the area of organizational development in order to assist in building up the institutional capacity and its progress towards operating as a well-functioning national society.

Goal: Botswana Red Cross has an improved capacity to deliver quality services to the most vulnerable people through the implementation of characteristics of the well-functioning national society requirements.

Objective: The capacity of Botswana Red Cross governance and management has been developed for improved service delivery by national society.

Expected Results

- Botswana Red Cross has well structured governance that supports the effective implementation of programmes.
- Botswana Red Cross has in place effective management systems that support programme implementation.
- Botswana Red Cross has functional branches in place that are actively participating in project implementation.
- Botswana Red Cross improves financial skills of staff in finance department.

<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix : Botswana Organizational Development>
http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?/annual05/logframes/africa/05AA009OD.pdf

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PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

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Name: BOTSWANA

PROGRAMME:	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter & construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & textiles	2,698	0	0	0	0	0	2,698
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	20,232	0	0	0	0	0	20,232
Teaching materials	12,750	0	0	0	0	0	12,750
Utensils & tools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relief supplies	18,552	0	0	0	0	0	18,552
SUPPLIES	54,232	0	0	0	0	0	54,232
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & telecom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other capital exp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warehouse & Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicules	4,047	3,420	0	0	0	0	7,467
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	4,047	3,420	0	0	0	0	7,467
Programme Support	24,825	3,271	0	2,229	0	0	30,325
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Personnel-delegates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personnel-national staff	77,563	6,000	0	0	0	0	83,562
Consultants	18,111	0	0	0	0	0	18,111
PERSONNEL	95,674	6,000	0	0	0	0	101,674
W/shops & Training	102,290	34,000	0	15,000	0	0	151,290
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	102,290	34,000	0	15,000	0	0	151,290
Travel & related expenses	27,128	0	0	10,400	0	0	37,528
Information	39,050	0	0	0	0	0	39,050
Other General costs	34,680	3,637	0	6,661	0	0	44,978
GENERAL EXPENSES	100,858	3,637	0	17,061	0	0	121,556
TOTAL BUDGET:	381,926	50,328	0	34,290	0	0	466,544