

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA026; Programme Update no. 1; Period covered: January to May, 2005; Appeal coverage: 52.6%; Outstanding needs: CHF 149,460 (USD 119,980 or EUR 96,800).
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Appeal target: CHF 315,387 (USD 250,500 or EUR 203,100)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme summary: In February 2004, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society¹ held a partnership meeting to explain the achievements of its institutional development process and discuss the way forward. Partners agreed on a planning process framework to support the preparation of a strategic plan. The first step of the planning process was an evaluation of the national society within the last three years. Four objectives were assigned to this exercise:

- To improve the project planning process in order to enhance formulation of objectives and indicators
- To facilitate coordination through introducing synergy between programmes
- To enhance clarification of governance and management roles
- To ensure conformity of programmes to the Movement's policies.

In 2003/2004, funds from the CBF strengthened management of income-generating units for better sustainability of the Burkinabe Red Cross Society thereby enhancing financial and resource development. While awaiting the identification of new partners to assist in the expansion of its health and disaster programmes and organizational development, selected elements of the solicited support for organizational change are included in the 2005 appeal.

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This Programme Update reflects activities to be implemented over a one-year period. This forms part of, and is based on, longer-term, multi-year planning (refer below to access the detailed logframe documents). All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

¹ Burkinabe Red Cross Society <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=181>

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Operational developments

Burkina Faso's heavy rains and recurrent floods often leave the Burkinabe Red Cross Society with a crisis it is insufficiently prepared to handle, due to the absence of a real disaster preparedness programme. In addition, its geographical position (within the Sahel) makes it vulnerable to droughts, bush fires and locust invasions. Most recently the country suffered the impact of Côte d'Ivoire's socio-political situation, which resulted to the displacement of thousands of repatriates and refugees to Burkina Faso.

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society 2005-2008 strategic plan, elaborated in 2004, sets up orientations related to disaster management and focused on risk reduction and response capacity building. Through its disaster risk reduction programme, the national society plans to address food insecurity, as well as focus on preparation for floods and drought. Pending identification of partners for the disaster management programme, the current appeal has omitted disaster-related projects. Full programme plans developed within the national society's strategic development plan, log frames and budgets are available upon request.

After evaluation, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society organized a strategic planning workshop and set up a four-year strategic plan for 2005-2008 focused on the various intervention areas. Strategy 2010, ARCHI 2010 and the global strategy for the Movement were the reference documents for this strategic plan. Meanwhile, the regional office provided support in drafting project proposals. Support for 2005 will thus focus essentially on elements needed to conduct effective programming so as to serve as an ideal springboard for the elaboration and clarification of finance and resource development structures. The regional office seeks to assist the Burkinabe Red Cross Society in pursuing more effective management systems/procedures and the application of its income generation plans at national, local and branch levels.

Health and Care

Goal: To contribute to the reduction of infant and maternal morbidity and mortality and to the reduction of vulnerability of target groups and PLWHA through social and community mobilization activities.

Objective 1: To increase the number of children aged 0 to 11 months who receive full standard vaccination, as well as the number of pregnant women correctly vaccinated against tetanus.

Objective 2: To reduce vulnerability related to HIV/AIDS in people aged 0 to 40 years in the four provinces of Pony, Comoé, Banwa, and Boulkiemdé.

Achievements

- Established well-organized and motivated local committees in a number of health districts.
- Improved volunteer experience in social mobilization (measles and meningitis vaccination campaigns).
- Established better collaboration with partners/government.
- Enhanced community surveillance of epidemic diseases (meningitis- 2001 to 2003, yellow fever- 2004 and polio 2004).
- Trained volunteers in first aid and communicable diseases.
- Successfully addressing relevant public health problems with support from skilled generalists within the national society.

Impact

- The Burkinabe Red Cross Society's visibility and relevance as a key government partner and auxiliary has been enhanced.
- The local communities' HIV/AIDS awareness has increased.

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- Through social mobilization efforts of the volunteers, more parents and guardians have become aware of the value of vaccination.
- The volunteers' first aid and community surveillance skills have improved.

Lessons learned

- The national society needs to reinforce technical capacity of headquarters health department.
- The Burkinabe Red Cross Society needs to ensure sustainability of community-based health (CBH) activities and develop a coherent programme linking diverse health activities {vaccinations, emergency health, HIV/AIDS and female genital mutilation (FGM)}.

Constraints

- High child morbidity and mortality rates.
- Poverty, high illiteracy rates and persistent harmful cultural practices, such as FGM.
- Illnesses linked to water and poor sanitation/hygiene (low access to safe water and adequate sanitation).
- Persistent endemic and epidemic illnesses (measles, cholera, meningitis).
- Low vaccination coverage.
- Increasing HIV/AIDS prevalence (second highest ranked country in West Africa).

Organizational Development

Goal: The Burkinabe Red Cross Society improved its service delivery to vulnerable people.

Objective 1: The Burkinabe Red Cross Society capacity to conduct effective health and disaster programmes is strengthened.

Objective 2: The management capacities of the Burkinabe Red Cross Society at both headquarters and regional branch levels are strengthened.

Achievements

- The Burkinabe Red Cross Society carried out an evaluation of its 2001 to 2003 activities.
- Drafted the 2005-2008 strategic plan and formalized priority projects.
- Held a partnership meeting, with the support of Federation's Dakar regional office and the Danish Red Cross.
- Organized a governance and management workshop (from 5-9 May 2005) at Ouagadougou, in which governing board programme coordinators, national directors and presidents of 10 local branches participated.

Impact

- At the end of the governance and management workshop, the participants' knowledge and understanding of the role of governance was improved and used to set up a plan of action.
- The local branches and other governing bodies have better coordination and working relations.
- The national society's organizational and governance skills are improved.

Constraint

- Lack of funding hindered the implementation of most of the national society's activities from January to April 2005 thus delaying their achievement.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/06/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				315,387	TOTAL COVERAGE 52.6%	
OPENING BALANCE				42,948		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				62,852	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH
DANISH - RC				40,000	10.12.04	FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
IRISH - GOVT		12,998	EUR	20,128	04.02.05	HEALTH
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				165,928	CHF	52.6%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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	