

# Appeal 2005



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## CAPE VERDE

### Appeal no. 05AA027

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*This document reflects a range of programmes, objectives, and related activities to be implemented in 2005, and the corresponding funding requirements. These are based upon the broader, multi-year framework of the Federation's Project Planning Process (PPP). The PPP products are either available through hyperlinks in the text, or can be requested through the respective regional department.*

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	2005
Programme title	in CHF
<b>Strengthening the national society</b>	
Disaster management	33,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,664<sup>1</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> USD 26,700 or EUR 21,700.

## National Context

Cape Verde, situated 450 km west of Senegal, is a group of ten islands with half the population living on the main island of Santiago. The country forms part of the drought-prone Sahel belt and as such its history is dominated by years of famine and drought. Food security, particularly in remote areas, remains a concern. Rain falls for only two or three months a year and sometimes doesn't fall all. Local farmers produce meagre quantities of beans, corn, sugar cane and sweet potatoes, but the island nation seldom manages to produce more than 11% of the food needed to keep its population of 430,000 people alive. In 2002, the government appealed for international food aid for the first time in 20 years after the harvest failed.

According to the World Bank, over 30% of the population lives below the poverty line and 14% of these live in absolute poverty. Over 40% of the population is under 14 years of age, due partly to high levels of adult emigration and partly to the "brain drain" of the country's brightest and best educated youngsters. This has resulted in a rise in juvenile delinquency and crime at home. Unemployment is around 20% and is increasing steadily in the towns.

Public sector salaries are low, often less than USD 150 per month, and the water supply is highly erratic. A large percentage of overseas migrants provide important economic support back home; in 2000, emigrant remittances amounted to almost 15% of GDP. (Source: EIU).

Health indicators are relatively good, compared to the rest of Africa. This is partly a result of the comparatively well-developed health care system. Infant mortality stands at 29 per 1,000 live births (UNDP 2002). In recent years, there has been a resurgence of malaria on Santiago Island and in the last survey conducted in 1997; the rate of HIV/AIDS prevalence among adults was estimated at 1.5%-2.5%. In 2000 the government allocated 4% of budgetary expenditure to health. (Source: EIU)

Water supply and sanitation control remain a problem. There have been outbreaks of cholera in recent years. Access to water has improved and the government has set up a programme designed to provide the whole population with drinking water by 2005.



## Human Development Indicators at a Glance

Category	Cape Verde	Sub-Saharan Africa	World
Total population (millions)	0.5	641.0	6,225.0
GDP per capita (USD)	1,345	469	5,174
Life expectancy at birth (years):Female : Male	72.7 - 66.9	n.a.	n.a.
Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births	29	108	56
Maternal mortality per 100,000 live births (adjusted ratio)(2000)	150	n.a	n.a
Population (%) with sustainable access to an improved water source (2000)	74	57	82
HIV prevalence (% , ages 15-49) (2003)	n.a	7.7	1.1
Adult literacy rate (% , ages 15 and above) Female : Male	68.0 - 85.4	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](http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2004/pdf/hdr04_HDI.pdf) Note: Data is 2002 unless noted above.

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

IHL – International Humanitarian Law	RDRT – Regional Disaster Response Team(s)
PNS - Partner National Society(ies)	STI/ STD - Sexually-transmitted infections / diseases
Movement - International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.	
ARCHI 2010 – refer to <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/what/health/archi/">http://www.ifrc.org/what/health/archi/</a>	
ERU – Emergency Response Unit(s) Refer to <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/eru/">http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/eru/</a>	
FACT – Field Assessment and Coordination Team(s). Refer to <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/fact/">http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/fact/</a>	
Strategy 2010 – refer to <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/who/strategy.asp">http://www.ifrc.org/who/strategy.asp</a>	
Ouagadougou Declaration – refer to <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/regional/africa/5thpac/5thpacde.asp">http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/regional/africa/5thpac/5thpacde.asp</a>	
Seville Agreement – refer to <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/statutory/ga/ga97/ga_97_8.asp">http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/statutory/ga/ga97/ga_97_8.asp</a>	

## Red Cross and Red Crescent Priorities

### National Society Strategy/Programme Priorities:

The Red Cross of Cape Verde<sup>2</sup> is a well-managed national society with diverse sources of income such as the national lotteries and other investments including plans to exploit a natural mineral water source it has been given and development of two tourism residences. The national society uses volunteers in all its programmes. Medical assistance at service centres for the elderly is run by volunteer doctors and nurses. Volunteer psychologists work at centres for alcoholics. Volunteers also make up the special action teams.

The Red Cross of Cape Verde programmes include projects with a focus on young women in difficulties, women vulnerable to prostitution, single mothers, unemployed young women and community-based kindergartens. The national society's health programmes cover HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and vaccination campaigns as well as social mobilization. The national society also runs programmes in disaster response and promotion and dissemination of humanitarian values.

### Red Cross of Cape Verde At a Glance

	YEAR	COMMENT
Statutes	1994	Requires revision
National disaster plan	~	
National development plan	2001-2003	
CAS	~	
Self assessment	2003	
Elections	2004	June general assembly
Yearly audit	2001	PricewaterhouseCoopers

### Main Strengths

- Self-sufficient
- Works with government authorities
- No excessive reliance on external funding

### Main Challenges

- Diversifying the resource base
- Addressing food security
- Branch development

The Red Cross of Cape Verde is keen to further improve the population's food security, particularly those in remote areas. Even though it is rather self-sufficient, the national society would like to increase and diversify its resource development base.

<sup>2</sup> Red Cross of Cape Verde - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=43>

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### Movement Context:

#### Federation

The Red Cross of Cape Verde has taken part in the Federation's disaster preparedness programme since 1999. The national society was assisted to launch a food security programme in 2003. In 2002-2004, the national society was supported in strengthening its financial management systems through improved accounting software, training, and harmonization of project accounts previously kept separately. The priority of the secretariat is to assist certain regional committees in addressing food security issues.

#### ICRC

The ICRC continues to work with the Red Cross of Cape Verde to create a network of trained tracing volunteers, to reinforce their emergency response capacities in regions at risk, to sustain the motivation of emergency response teams through community hygiene and public service activities, to promote the fundamental principles, and to raise awareness of IHL and national society activities through the development of Red Cross of Cape Verde's communication department.

#### Bilateral Partner National Societies

The national society received support for food security and micro projects from the Spanish Red Cross and Portuguese Red Cross.

#### Primary support to the Red Cross of Cape Verde from the Movement in 2004

Partner	Health	Relief	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organizational Development	Other
ICRC				xx		xx
Spanish Red Cross						xx
Portuguese Red Cross						xx
Federation			xx		xx	

Primary support through the Federation has been from the government of the United Kingdom

## Strengthening the National Society

### Disaster Management

#### Background and Achievements

Numerous delays have been experienced in working with the national society to refine its original food security proposals which were perceived to be too heavily focused on food distribution and inadequately directed towards developing self-sufficiency. The experiences of the FAO in Cape Verde have shown that vegetable and fruit gardening, as well as small scale animal husbandry constitute the best options for re-enforcing food security. Thus, the national society has developed a new project proposal which is more appropriate in addressing root causes of food insecurity and contributing to the direct improvement of the nutritional situation of 7,500 school children. The project will receive technical support from ACIDI-VOCA, an NGO based in Cape Verde, which already possesses experience in this domain and be conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Education over the course of the 2004-2006 school years.

It has proven to be quite challenging to collaborate with the national society for the revision of its food security project, partly linked to limited human resources at national society and regional levels, and partially to the very specific context in which the national society operates, which has been described in the 2005 Appeal. Nonetheless, given the food insecurity the nation experiences, albeit on an irregular basis; the Federation continues to strive to support the national society in this area as part of the commitments made during the 5th Pan-African Conference in Ouagadougou.

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**Goal:** The Federation's "Characteristics of a Well-Prepared National Society" has become a reference working document for disaster preparedness and response personnel of different national societies.

**Objective:** Vulnerable communities respond in the short and medium term to food insecurity.

**Expected Results:**

- 7,500 school children and their teachers in ten primary schools on the Island of Santiago are sensitized on environmental conservation and trained in techniques of small scale vegetable gardening
- 7,500 school children benefit directly from improved nutritional status through introduction of the vegetable garden harvests estimated annually at 250 kg per 100m<sup>2</sup> into their daily diet.

*<Refer to the Project Description (in French): Cape Verde Food Security>*  
[http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?/annual05/logframes/africa/05AA027FS.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?/annual05/logframes/africa/05AA027FS.pdf)

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# BUDGET 2005

## 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teaching materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	13,343	0	0	0	0	13,343
Other relief supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	0	13,343	0	0	0	0	13,343
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
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warehouse & Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicules	0	321	0	0	0	0	321
<b>TRANSPORT &amp; STORAGE</b>	0	321	0	0	0	0	321
Programme Support	0	2,188	0	0	0	0	2,188
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	0	2,188	0	0	0	0	2,188
Personnel-delegates	0	958	0	0	0	0	958
Personnel-national staff	0	16,314	0	0	0	0	16,314
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	0	17,272	0	0	0	0	17,272
W/shops & Training	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; TRAINING</b>	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Travel & related expenses	0	77	0	0	0	0	77
Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other General costs	0	452	0	0	0	0	452
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	0	530	0	0	0	0	530
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	0	33,664	0	0	0	0	33,664