

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA027; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: January to May, 2005; Appeal coverage:154.1% Outstanding needs: N/A

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Appeal target: CHF 33,664 (USD 28,116 or EUR 21,861)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme summary: The Red Cross of Cape Verde¹ has participated in the Federation's disaster preparedness programme, since 1999, and received assistance in launching a food security programme in 2003. Between 2002 and 2004, the national society strengthened its financial management systems through improved accounting software, training and harmonization of project accounts (previously kept separately). The Secretariat's priority is to assist certain regional committees in addressing food security issues.

The national society collaborates with the ICRC to create a network of trained tracing volunteers with a reinforced emergency response capacity in high risk regions. The ICRC also helps to sustain the motivation of emergency response teams through community hygiene and public service activities. The national society also promotes the fundamental principles, raises awareness of international humanitarian law (IHL) and promotes other activities through its communication department. The Spanish Red Cross and Portuguese Red Cross bilateral offices based in Cape Verde support the national society's food security and micro projects.

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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).

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¹ Red Cross of Cape Verde <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=43>

Operational developments

Cape Verde, situated 450 km west of Senegal, is a group of ten islands with half the population living in the main island of Santiago. The country forms part of the drought-prone Sahel belt and its history is dominated by famine and drought. Food security, particularly in remote areas, remains a concern. In 2002 the government appealed for international food aid for the first time in 20 years after the harvest failed.

The Red Cross of Cape Verde is well-managed and has diverse sources of income, including national lotteries. It has plans to exploit a natural mineral water source that it has been given and to develop two tourist residences. The national society uses volunteers in all its programmes; doctors and nurses, who provide medical assistance at service centers for the elderly and volunteer psychologists who run centers for alcoholics.

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

Compared to the rest of sub-Saharan Africa, health indicators in Cape Verde are relatively good, partly because of the comparatively well-developed health care system. According to UNDP (2002), infant mortality stands at 29 per one thousand live births. In recent years, there has been a resurgence of malaria in Santiago Island. In a 1997 EIU survey, HIV/AIDS prevalence among adults was estimated at 1.5 % to 2.5%. The government allocated 4% of budgetary expenditure to health in 2000.

Although the government designed a programme to provide the entire population with drinking water (by 2005) and access to water has improved, water supply and sanitation control remain a problem. There have been outbreaks of cholera in recent years.

Disaster management

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.

Achievements

- Developed a new project proposal aimed at addressing root causes of food insecurity and contributing to the direct improvement of the nutritional situation of 7,500 school children. Technical support is expected from ACDIVOCA, a Cape Verde-based NGO, experienced in this domain. The project will also be conducted in collaboration with the ministry of education in 2004-2006 school years.
- With the Federation's support, improved the population's food security, particularly in remote areas.

Impact

- The national society has become more self-sufficient and expanded possibilities of improved food security in remote areas.
- Established good relations with government authorities.
- Improved sources of income and reduced reliance on external funding.

Constraints

- Numerous delays experienced in refining the national society's original food security proposals. They were perceived to be too heavily focused on food distribution instead of being directed towards developing self-sufficiency.
- Lack of funding hindered implementation of activities planned for January to April 2005, thus delaying their achievement.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05AA027

PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/06/2005

CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	33,664		TOTAL COVERAGE 154.1%
OPENING BALANCE	21,862		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT	30,000	01.01.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH	51,862	CHF	154.1%

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	