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## THE GAMBIA

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### In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA028; Appeal target: CHF 260,790 (USD 207,100 or EUR 168,000); Appeal coverage: 67.5%.

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Annual Appeal: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA028.pdf>

Programme Update no. 1: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA02801.pdf>

Programme Update no. 2: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA02802.pdf>

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### Operational context

The population of the Gambia is predominantly rural and approximately 75% of the workforce is involved in agriculture (World Fact Book, 2003). Its economy is based on peanut exports as well as tourism. The country imports one-third of its food, all of its fuel and most of its manufactured goods. Because the country has very little land mass and runs the length of the Gambia River, it suffers from soil erosion. Potential disasters are floods, fires, epidemics and environmental degradation.

Health indicators have improved substantially over the past 30 years. Infant mortality rate was 90 per 1,000 live births in 2003, compared with 183 per 1,000 births in 1970<sup>1</sup>. Nevertheless, a third of the population lacks access to potable water and more than half of the population lacks access to adequate sanitation. Malaria remains the main killer in the country with over 350,000 cases reported every year. Tuberculosis and parasitic diseases are the next biggest causes of death. Through the spread of HIV/AIDS has been contained, there is concern that youth unemployment and migration could lead to an increase in the pandemic.

<sup>1</sup> UNDP, Human Development Index [http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/pdf/hdr05\\_HDI.pdf](http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/pdf/hdr05_HDI.pdf)

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An estimated 515,000 refugees are currently living in the Gambia because of endemic regional instability in some neighbouring countries. These refugees roughly represent 40% of the Gambia population and have added to internal pressures over the years. Most refugees are from Casamance in southern Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Liberia.

### **Analysis of 2005 programmes**

#### **Health and care**

**Goal: The rate of HIV/AIDS in Gambia is reduced.**

**Objective: An intensive awareness campaign on the truth about HIV/AIDS has been carried out among adolescents and youth (from 13 to 35 years) in the Upper River Division (URD).**

#### **Achievements**

- A network of trained volunteers, with the ability to organize and implement national programmes, was set up. HIV/AIDS prevention activities among youth, particularly Gambia Boys Scouts Association, were carried out by the Gambia Red Cross Society (GRCS). These activities aimed at increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS among youth as well as condom use. The NS also established anti-AIDS clubs.
- A strong relationship with the National Blood Bank in the central area was maintained. The NS is recognized as a key player in the recruitment of blood donors, with (33% of regular donors being Gambia Red Cross Society volunteers. The national societies established blood donors clubs.
- A home-based care (HBC) programme for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) was established. Hands-on care trainer counsellors, with nursing backgrounds, provided pre and post-test counselling at the Brikama Health Centre alongside voluntary counselling and testing (VCT). With the clients' consent, the most destitute were referred for further support. The criteria used for referring clients included: HIV positive, lack of income, no relative/family to provide care and support, internally displaced and unemployed.
- The NS conducted a three-day training for 15 volunteers on HBC for the PLWHA. The contents of the training included basic facts on HIV/AIDS, prevention of HIV, care (first aid, management of stress, diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and pain, care of wounds and careful handling of body fluids), counselling and referral of PLWHA. In addition, 25 family members of PLWHA, community members, youth, community leaders and PLWHA — together with Red Cross volunteers — were trained for six days on awareness raising, HIV prevention, prevention of cross infections and HBC. The training was carried out in the local language and the trained volunteers were provided with HBC kits to assist them in providing care for the PLWHA.
- Red Cross volunteers provided nursing care and psychosocial support to PLWHA during home visits and assisted patients during referral for further treatment to the health facility. For PLWHA who had no family or relatives, the volunteers have a responsibility of assisting them during referral, admission and after discharge from the health facility. The commitment of the volunteers is remarkable as they provided these services with the utmost dedication. The PLWHA receiving the support expressed their strong satisfaction with the services they were getting from the volunteers.
- The GRCS collaborated with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) in area such as national coverage, blood safety, information, education and communication/behavioural change communication (IEC/BCC) as well as condom distribution.

#### **Impact**

- The capacity of the GRCS volunteers to implement cholera prevention and control programme was strengthened. As a result of the NS volunteers working with local health authorities, cooperation and partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH) has improved.
- Participation in emergency programme implementation enhanced the visibility of the NS.
- With its network of volunteers working within the community, the NS is playing a basic complementary role and has had a significant impact on the health of the vulnerable by acting on all the factors that are likely to increase their vulnerability to diseases.

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### **Constraints**

- A general denial of HIV/AIDS still exists and unprotected sex remains the main mode of HIV transmission.
- Most of the activities planned under the 2005 appeal were not implemented due to limited funding for the health programme.

### **Disaster management**

The GRCS is a working member on the government's National Disaster Preparedness Plan. The Gambia Red Cross Society continues to promote nutritional food in small-scale food security projects in North Bank and Lower River Divisions. This is a continuation of the programme it launched in 2004.

**Goal: Gambian households have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food.**

**Objective: 2,500 school children (grades 4-6) understand, practice and benefit from food adequate to meet their dietary needs.**

### **Achievements**

The Gambia Red Cross Society was able to work in the area of food security through:

- A project proposal that is currently being implemented;
- Nutritional survey undertaken in the targeted area;
- Baseline analysis of the findings conducted, with recommendations;
- Developing a Plan of Action (PoA) for DM activities;
- Training of 36 Red Cross teachers on the nutritional value of community-based food security.

### **Constraints**

Funding limitations and lack of qualified technical staff in the NS impeded the success of the food security project. The programme could not carry on, particularly the planting phase, as the planting season reached when there were no funds.

### **Organizational development**

**Goal: The Gambia Red Cross Society is a well-functioning national society (WFNS) capable of alleviating human suffering and delivering development services effectively and efficiently.**

**Objective: The national society strengthens its governing, managerial and financial capacities at headquarter, branch and link levels.**

### **Achievements**

- The Gambia Red Cross Society developed a strategic plan for 2005-2008 and formalized priority projects.
- The NS formalized its restructuring process with the appointment of new staff at its headquarters.
- A governance and management workshop was organized; the governing board, programme coordinators and national representatives from local branches participated. Issues addressed included; understanding the Movement policies, better planning, monitoring and evaluation, roles of the governance and management bodies, image building, narrative and financial reporting, programme and branch development as well as volunteers' management.
- The NS started developing a policy on volunteering. Terms of reference (ToR) were elaborated at regional level, with input from other national societies. The recruitment of a focal point for volunteers' management, with support from the Federation, is in progress.

### **Impact**

At the end of the governance and management workshop, the participants' knowledge and understanding of the different topics had improved and they used the skills acquired to set up a PoA focusing on specific issues such as financial management systems and volunteer management. The process of recruiting a new finance manager is on going.

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### **Constraint**

The NS was sued for declaring old staff redundant without paying their dues as required by the national law. The NS is in the process of resolving the issue amicably. A mission by the head of regional delegation in Dakar and the delegate in charge of organizational development will be organized in the coming weeks.

*[Final financial report below; click here to return to title page and contact information.](#)*

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2005/1-2005/9998
Appeal	M05AA028
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	83'961	66'166		110'663		260'791
B. Opening Balance	1'297	0		54'265		55'562
Income						
Cash contributions						
British Red Cross		20'104		17'888		37'993
Icelandic Red Cross				50'000		50'000
Irish Government				12'580		12'580
C1. Cash contributions		20'104		80'468		100'573
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
British Red Cross		-10'000				-10'000
DFID - British Government		5'814				5'814
Icelandic Red Cross				0		0
Norwegian Red Cross	-6'401					-6'401
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)	-6'401	-4'186		0		-10'587
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	-6'401	15'918		80'468		89'986
D. Total Funding = B + C	-5'103	15'918		134'733		145'548

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	1'297	0		54'265		55'562
C. Income	-6'401	15'918		80'468		89'986
E. Expenditure	5'103	-15'918		-108'578		-119'393
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0	0		26'155		26'155

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Year/Period	2005/1-2005/9998
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## III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		83'961	66'166		110'663		260'791	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Food					29		29	-29
Seeds,Plants	2'594							2'594
Teaching Materials					943		943	-943
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>2'594</b>				<b>972</b>		<b>972</b>	<b>1'622</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Vehicles	2'160							2'160
Computers & Telecom	5'000				3'286		3'286	1'714
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipme</b>	<b>7'160</b>				<b>3'286</b>		<b>3'286</b>	<b>3'874</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	2'300							2'300
Transport & Vehicle Costs	15'095				1'684		1'684	13'410
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>17'395</b>				<b>1'684</b>		<b>1'684</b>	<b>15'710</b>
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
Delegates Payroll	24'018							24'018
Delegate Benefits					4'595		4'595	-4'595
National Staff	59'683		18		6'795		6'813	52'870
National Society Staff					8'106		8'106	-8'106
Consultants	8'300							8'300
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>	<b>92'001</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>19'495</b>		<b>19'513</b>	<b>72'488</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	44'847				5'139		5'139	39'708
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>44'847</b>				<b>5'139</b>		<b>5'139</b>	<b>39'708</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	22'173		392		11'583		11'975	10'198
Information & Public Relation	35'972							35'972
Office Costs	21'697		2'573		10'856		13'429	8'268
Communications					5'817		5'817	-5'817
Professional Fees					3'562		3'562	-3'562
Financial Charges		-443	-680		7'785		6'663	-6'663
Other General Expenses					4'530		4'530	-4'530
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>79'842</b>	<b>-443</b>	<b>2'285</b>		<b>44'133</b>		<b>45'975</b>	<b>33'867</b>
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support	16'951	-332	1'035		7'058		7'761	9'191
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>16'951</b>	<b>-332</b>	<b>1'035</b>		<b>7'058</b>		<b>7'761</b>	<b>9'191</b>
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		-4'329	12'580		26'812		35'063	-35'063
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>-4'329</b>	<b>12'580</b>		<b>26'812</b>		<b>35'063</b>	<b>-35'063</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>260'791</b>	<b>-5'103</b>	<b>15'918</b>		<b>108'578</b>		<b>119'393</b>	<b>141'398</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>89'064</b>	<b>50'249</b>		<b>2'085</b>		<b>141'398</b>	