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 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Global Water & Sanitation Initiative (GWSI)

Appeal No. MAA00002

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This report covers the period of 01/01/06 to 31/12/06 of a two-year planning and appeal process.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Children drinking potable water from a water point installed by Guatemala Red Cross. International Federation.

In brief

Programme Summary: The Global Water and Sanitation Initiative (GWSI) was launched in February 2005 for a period of ten years. Presently, the programme has identified and disseminated key project planning and design criteria – establishing a common Red Cross/Red Crescent (RC/RC) approach – to significantly scale-up developmental water and sanitation (WatSan) programming worldwide. This has led to the identification and formulation of detailed proposals for over 30 large scale, country-based long-term projects, of which over 60 per cent are now fully funded both multilaterally and bilaterally. A total resource mobilization of over CHF 50 million is expected to be disbursed over the next 3-4 years.

Goal: To contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by scaling-up of existing capacities; more specifically, to reduce by half those without access to water and sanitation facilities by 2015 (MDG 7).

Needs: Total 2006-2007 budget CHF 10,308,323 (USD 8,803,009 or EUR 6,209,833) out of which 36.22 percent is covered. Presently, the multilaterally funded projects total over CHF 25 million, of which approximately one third will be disbursed over the 2006-2007 period.

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No. of people we help: With most projects having a time scale of 3 to 4 years, and only in the early stages of establishment at this time, it is still early to measure success in the provision of water and sanitation facilities. However, the funded projects under the GWSI umbrella are projected to assist over one million people by mid-2008, when the first mid-term evaluations for these projects are undertaken.

Our Partners: Presently, GWSI has created a working partnership between 30 National Societies, the EU Water Facility, UNICEF and several corporate partners.

Current context

The increased international momentum to scale-up sustainable water and sanitation coverage by 2015 has been clearly identified by the UN Member States (CSD and MDG's), this is underlined by the 2nd UN Decade for Water launched in 2005, and reflects the goal of the GWSI and the Water and Sanitation Policy of the International Federation adopted in 2003.

Morbidity and mortality are linked to loss of productivity and poor or non-existent water and sanitation facilities as well poor hygiene practices must be addressed in order to contribute to fighting world poverty.

Vulnerable communities in rural areas are the natural targets of National Societies in most countries, and one key criteria in the GWSI project is to target such communities where the present water and sanitation coverage is significantly less than the national average. As a result of such targeting, the project has attracted both internal and external donor interest. The project also targets communities affected by recurring or ongoing disasters or crises such as food insecurity, recurring drought and floods as well as the HIV and AIDS pandemic.

The International Federation, together with its member National Societies, is still recognized as a key player in the provision of water and sanitation needs/facilities in times of disaster. However, the need to address the underlying lack of access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene promotion attracts National Societies and external interest to provide more long-term sustainable impacts– and mitigate against recurring disasters – by using proven developmental approaches to build better capacities and coping mechanisms at community and volunteer/branch level.

A key factor and one which is being increasingly prioritized, is the need to improve our ability to further establish hygiene promotion and community participation as part of our disaster response and developmental water and sanitation programming. This need recognized by the International Federation, and is also being taken up by implementation partners and other major water and sanitation players.

National Societies with existing or past experience in responding to disasters with water and sanitation needs are well placed to make the transition to providing longer-term sustainable water and sanitation coverage; this is mostly the case with the National Societies who are hosting GWSI projects.

Progress towards objectives

The GWSI objectives not only mirror Global MDG targets, but also fall in line with national targets as most if not all target countries have adopted MDG goals in water and sanitation coverage. GWSI planning criteria underlines the need for host National Societies planning to fall within governmental planning and stress the importance of engaging regularly with both government and other major water and sanitation players. With time, impact measurement will also reflect the expected contribution that GWSI projects will make to meet national MDG targets.

A major challenge is that some partners and in-house departments expect to see significant results at beneficiary level in a relatively short time. However, in most cases, outcomes may be measured within 2-3 years, but significant impact measurement takes longer (5-10 years).

The GWSI projects now being established are being supported from the Secretariat WatSan Unit in Geneva and from WatSan Units at Regional/Zonal offices. The existing structures and staffing must be maintained in the longer-term to effectively deliver the projects, and a significant part of their funding – both in Geneva and the field – come from GWSI funding. Failure to maintain these structures would undermine GWSI delivery.

Funded multilateral projects are identified in Eritrea, Hispaniola, Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), South Sudan, Guyana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Bilateral projects are identified in Haiti, Comoros, East Timor, Central African Republic, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Cameroon, and Guinea-Bissau.

Working in partnership

Effectively, GWSI is a partnership and not a programme in the conventional sense. However, a significant portion of GWSI projects will be delivered multilaterally, directly under the Federation umbrella. From the onset, multilateral and bilateral actions were encouraged, as long as the key criteria set by the GWSI was universally adopted – this has given flexibility among our partners to choose whichever option was best suited to them.

Within the multilateral activities, two options are open to partners, one option is to follow a conventional multilateral approach, the other is a ‘delegated’ multilateral approach, where participating National Societies may take the lead role (individually or in consortia) and where the Federations role is reduced to mainly providing technical advice and support.

The flexibility shown above has encouraged a high degree of participation. However, it has created some challenges especially where established financial procedures and standard operating procedures do not always apply and have to be adapted accordingly. This flexible approach, although challenging, is seen as a true reflection of the Federation of the Future, new ways of working together as well as an example of new operational alliances. The most important expected outcome of this is a more equitable approach, attractive to both internal and external partners, and one which implements projects more effectively while adding a greater value.

To date, the largest and most significant external partner is the EU Water Facility. This partnership took two years to properly establish. The Red Cross Liaison Office and staff in Brussels also played a pivotal role in assisting the Secretariat and National Societies to fully benefit.

Contributing to longer-term impact

GWSI is very different from what is normally undertaken within the context of emergency or annual appeals, thus impact cannot be measured in the short-term. However, the long-term target is to scale-up sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene promotion impact. The secondary goal will be measured in the increased capacities at community, volunteer and National Society capacity levels. It is the capacity building component that will give the added value, especially to National Societies who often struggle to retain key staff or competencies when only engaging in short-term programming and funding streams.

Looking Ahead

The volume of activities and projects now fully funded (21 projects in total) meets the targets set for the first 2-3 years of the GWSI project. If projects are well implemented, more expansion is envisioned. The most important factor in the next two years is to focus on consolidation and implementation, and it

may be best not to further expand outcomes over this period up to mid 2008 are measured.

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MAA00002 - HEALTH INITIATIVE: WATER & SANITATION

Annual Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAA00002
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	10,308,323					10,308,323
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Belgium Red Cross (Flanders)</i>	1,500					1,500
<i>British Red Cross</i>	396,949					396,949
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>	900					900
<i>European Commission</i>	1,261,422					1,261,422
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	105,335					105,335
<i>French Red Cross</i>	1,500					1,500
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>	378					378
<i>Nestle</i>	271,102					271,102
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>	8,339					8,339
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	750					750
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	82,720					82,720
C1. Cash contributions	2,130,896					2,130,896
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	835,281					835,281
<i>European Commission</i>	-305,683					-305,683
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	215,135					215,135
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	171,466					171,466
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	916,198					916,198
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	49,994					49,994
<i>European Commission</i>	0					0
<i>Nestle</i>	45,631					45,631
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or	95,625					95,625
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>Other</i>	16,740					16,740
C5. Inkind Personnel	16,740					16,740
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	3,159,459					3,159,459
D. Total Funding = B + C	3,159,459					3,159,459

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	3,159,459					3,159,459
E. Expenditure	-287,322					-287,322
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	2,872,137					2,872,137

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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
BUDGET (C)		10,308,323					10,308,323	
Supplies								
Water & Sanitation	4,780,885	704				704	4,780,182	
Utensils & Tools	1,127	8,755				8,755	-7,628	
Other Supplies & Services		912				912	-912	
Total Supplies	4,782,012	10,371				10,371	4,771,641	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	356,470						356,470	
Computers & Telecom	284,819						284,819	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	157,154						157,154	
Others Machinery & Equipment	166,000						166,000	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	964,443						964,443	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	2,013	18				18	1,995	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	839,984	5,899				5,899	834,085	
Total Transport & Storage	841,997	5,917				5,917	836,080	
Personnel Expenditures								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	477,070	52,375				52,375	424,695	
Delegate Benefits	600,000						600,000	
Regionally Deployed Staff	195,000						195,000	
National Staff	508,016	3,339				3,339	504,677	
National Society Staff	237,153	1,076				1,076	236,077	
Consultants	60,375	12,393				12,393	47,982	
Total Personnel Expenditures	2,077,614	69,183				69,183	2,008,431	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	346,180	10,397				10,397	335,783	
Total Workshops & Training	346,180	10,397				10,397	335,783	
General Expenditure								
Travel	359,450	39,481				39,481	319,970	
Information & Public Relation	16,358	24,530				24,530	-8,172	
Office Costs	117,002	1,222				1,222	115,780	
Communications	230,017	3,855				3,855	226,162	
Professional Fees	3,542						3,542	
Financial Charges	2,374	20				20	2,354	
Other General Expenses	28,157	2,831				2,831	25,326	
Total General Expenditure	756,900	71,938				71,938	684,962	
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		100,911				100,911	-100,911	
Total Federation Contributions & Tr		100,911				100,911	-100,911	
Program Support								
Program Support	539,177	18,605				18,605	520,571	
Total Program Support	539,177	18,605				18,605	520,571	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	10,308,323	287,322				287,322	10,021,001	
VARIANCE (C - D)		10,021,001				10,021,001		

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Health & Care							
G00029	GLOBAL WATER & SANITATI	0	119,107		119,107	42,929	42,929
G00043	GLOBAL WATER & SANITATI	0	-616		-616	60,089	60,089
G00068	Guyana Hinterland Water & Sa	0	0		0		0
G00069	N.NAMIBIA WATER SUPPLY	0	0		0		0
G00070	NAMPULA PROV RURAL WA	0	0		0		0
G33503	PI Water&Sanitation	0	2,203,720	-287,322	1,916,397	8,192,006	7,904,684
P64005	Rural Water & Sanitation	0	655,908		655,908		0
PHT010	Water, Sanitation & Health Awa	0	-9,255		-9,255	1,528,326	1,528,326
PKE014	MACHAKOS R. WATER & SA	0	190,595		190,595	484,973	484,973
Sub-Total Health & Care		0	3,159,459	-287,322	2,872,137	10,308,323	10,021,001
Total	HEALTH INITIATIVE: WATER	0	3,159,459	-287,322	2,872,137	10,308,323	10,021,001