

Annual report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Côte d'ivoire

Appeal No.MAACI001

This report covers the period of 1/1/2006 to 31/12/2007 of a two-year planning and appeal process.



Children and women affected by the crisis received humanitarian assistance from the **Red Cross Society of Côte d'ivoire**

In brief

Programme summary:

The Red Cross Society of Côte d'ivoire (RCSCI) implemented programmes activities under this appeal during the period 2006-2007 in line with the Federation's Global Agenda, the Global Water and Sanitation Initiative (GWSI) and the African Red Cross and Red Crescent Health Initiative (ARCHI) 2010. Though not much progress was recorded during this period because of insufficient funding. The Federation supported the national society mostly in the area of organizational development and health. The Federation also collaborated with partners in resource mobilization, coordination and monitoring to assist it implementing some of its projects/programmes. The national society implemented some other bilateral projects/programmes. Some of the activities planned for 2006 and could not be carried out due to minimal donor response were included in the revised appeal for 2007 which also provided information regarding financial coverage as at December 2006 and adjustments made to the 2007 budget. However, the funding challenges made the implementation of these projects/programmes a difficult task during this period. Nevertheless Nestlé funds allowed to start a pilot water and sanitation (watsan) project in 2007.

During the period 2006-2007 with support from the Federation's special funds from partners and DREF allocation, the RCSCI carried out some emergency operations in different parts of the country. Some of these operations included meningitis campaigns, toxic waste operation, Guinea population movement and Avian Influenza among others. All these operations have been reported separately.

Goal: To contribute to the improvement of the lives of the vulnerable populations in Côte d'ivoire.

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No. of people we help: Apart from staff, members and volunteers of the Red Cross who benefited from various trainings and workshops to strengthen their capacities, the vulnerable people including women, children and old people living mostly in war affected zones were beneficiaries of programmes implemented during this period. With funds available for the Federation programme interventions in 2008-2009, it is estimated that about 2,000,000 people will benefit directly and indirectly from the activities planned for that period.

Our partners: The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire worked in partnership with various local and international organisations as well as partners within and outside the Movement. These partners included government agencies such as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. Others are La Pharmacie de la Santé Publique, ALLIANCE CI, PSAMAO, PSI and HKI, FHI, NESTLE, the Regional Centre for drinkable water and sanitation (CREPA), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Health Organization (WHO), French Red Cross, Finish Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation.

Current context

The political crisis orchestrated by the December 2004 coup and the armed conflict that began in September 2002 have all been devastating to the socio-economic situation in Côte d'Ivoire. The impact of the crisis on the population was very dismal with over one million people displaced and thousands of foreigners fleeing the country at the beginning of the political crisis. Though the RCSCI was virtually visible in all parts of the country at the time, it could only render skeletal humanitarian services to the people affected by the crisis. Access to vulnerable communities was virtually impossible because of safety and security reasons. All the mediation meetings facilitated by the United Nations (UN), African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) among other did not yield much result as all the parties to the crisis failed to abide the peace accords.

However, during the first quarter of 2007, an end seemed to be in sight to the crisis with the signing of a peace accord between the warring parties in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. With an all inclusive government in place and the disarmament and national identification process on course though at a slow pace, general elections earlier scheduled for last quarter of 2007 has now being shifted to the last quarter of 2008. The relative peace recorded in 2007 made the National Society to further carry out more humanitarian activities to other parts of the country hitherto inaccessible. Apart from bilateral projects, funding constraints affected it in the implementation of its programmes during the period 2006-2007.

Progress towards objectives

Health and Care

Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire contributes to reduce the nutritional and health vulnerability of the mothers and their children in the north of Côte d'Ivoire through sensitization, medical education and nutritional support.

Achievements:

The health department could not carry out some planned activities under health because of minimal response from donors. However it made some progress in its HIV and AIDS programme.

Blood screening activities were carried in some parts of the country with more than 6,000 tests done in 2007. In Daloa, 40 villages are benefiting from the HIV project in the area with more than 86,000 persons sensitized. The National Society carried out HIV and AIDS sensitizing campaigns to schools and organized as well seminars. During this period, 15,000 condoms donated by the Global Fund were distributed across the country.

In the area of community health, the RCSCI team carried out treatment exercises in some local branches. This was done in collaboration with La Pharmacie de la Santé Publique which donated the drugs used during the exercises. In all, about 765,201 persons benefited from the free treatment. In collaboration with the Ministries of Education and Health, consultation and treatment were carried out in some schools at Marcory a suburb of Abidjan. More than 5,252 pupils were treated. Some local branches of the Red Cross distributed Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN) to some households in their communities.

Other activities implemented during this period included social mobilization campaigns against meningitis in 2007, Avian influenza campaign as well as training of Red Cross volunteers on community health intervention. The National Society health team were also present at national public events to offer first aid treatment.

The newly installed water and sanitation unit within the Health department of the Red Cross Society of Côte d'ivoire started with Nestlé financed PHAST training of trainers of the RCSCI and West African Red Cross Societies with the technical support from CREPA.

Challenges or Constraints: Low response to the appeal made implementation of Federation supported programmes in Côte d'ivoire difficult. Only bilateral health projects were carried out. The inaccessibility of Red Cross personnel to vulnerable communities as a result of the crisis at the beginning of 2006 was also a major constraint to the implementation of projects in those communities. However, the situation improved in 2007 because of the relative progress made in the implementation of the peace agreement.

Disaster Management

Objective: The capacity of the Red Cross Society of Côte d'ivoire to provide timely and efficient response to disaster is strengthened.

Achievements:

The activities during this reporting period focused mainly on building the capacity of the local branches in first aid during emergency. The DM team carried out commercial first aid training for companies and other public establishments including staff of OCHA. The National Society also embarked on sensitizing the youth on disaster prevention in the community. The department participated in the preparation of documents used in conducting Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) among the communities in Côte d'ivoire. In collaboration with the health and care team, the DM team responded to various disasters that happened in the country during the period.

Challenges or Constraints: Non-availability of funds due to low appeal response constrained the RCSCI in the implementation of activities planned for 2006-2007. Most of the activities carried out during this period were mainly on bilateral and also ICRC funded projects.

Principles and Values

Objective: The Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values are promoted to facilitate Red Cross activities among the population.

Achievements:

The National Society carried out regular dissemination of the Movement's Fundamental Principles among the youth using schools as entry point. The message of non-violence was regularly taken to the communities identified as flash-point. The department also assisted the health department in dissemination of health and hygiene messages to vulnerable communities across the country.

Challenges or Constraints:

Low funding for the planned activities during the reporting period constrained the RCSCI from implementing its activities.

Organizational Development

Objective 1 (Resource development): The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire is financially independent and is able to respond to the needs of vulnerable communities.

Objective 2: (Management): Management abilities of the 15 headquarters coordinators and 47 local committees have increased.

Objective 3: (Governance): Governance members of the local committees and youth leaders are trained in the Principles and governing methods of the Movement.

Achievements:

The Federation supported the National Society in the recruitment of an OD coordinator in 2006 by strengthening its capacity. The OD department is now effectively functional and the management team trained in the concept of OD. In 2007, the coordinator carried out assessment of the capacity of some of the local branches where administrative challenges were identified and solutions are being developed. The department continued to receive the support of the Federation and the Netherlands Red Cross.

The Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) was carried during 2007. The result of the exercise is being used to develop a strategic development plan expected to be completed by 2008. The OD department has developed and produced volunteer chart. This chart is assisting the Red Cross volunteers in good conduct and practice why carrying out their humanitarian actions. After its participation at the regional workshop on volunteer management system in Dakar, the RCSCI has put in place mechanism for the development of its volunteer management data base. It is expected that a volunteer management officer would be recruited during 2008.

The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire is a member of the the eight National Societies Africa Initiative. The aim of joining the group was to strengthen its capacity in OD. It has since been participating in the activities of the Initiative with support from the Netherlands Red Cross.

Challenges or Constraints:

The major constraint to the implementation of some of the activities planned during this period is funding.

Management and Coordination

The management of projects and programmes was ensured by the national programmes coordinators with the technical inputs from partners and the Federation. The national society ensured regular training and retraining of its staff and volunteers at the local branches for effective programme implementation

and coordination. Regular coordination meetings with partners including ICRC contributed to assessing progress, challenges and potential solutions. It held meetings with local heads to ensure their support during implementation of community based projects.

Working in partnership

The Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire implemented some of its programmes during 2006-2007 mostly in collaboration with local and international partners. In OD, it continued to receive support from the Federation and the Netherlands Red Cross. Its partnership with the Netherlands Red Cross is being strengthened by the eight National Societies Africa Initiative in which the two are pairing. The Norwegian Red Cross supported its participation in the first meeting of the Initiative in Dakar. In the health sector, it worked in partnership with the Finish Red Cross, the French Red Cross, the Federation and the Spanish Red Cross. The collaboration was mainly in the fight against HIV and AIDS, community health and awareness campaigns. NESTLE continued to support the water and sanitation project of the Red Cross while WHO worked in partnership with the National Society in the coordination of health activities. As auxiliary to the government, RCSCI worked in close collaboration with government agencies such as the Ministries of Health, Youth and Sports, Family Affairs and Education. It collaborated with the government in assessing the impact of HIV and AIDS pandemic in the country. It also enjoyed close partnership with the Pharmacie de la Santé Publique during free care and treatment campaigns. Its traditional partnership with ICRC continued during this reporting period. These partnerships assisted it in humanitarian service delivery to the vulnerable populations in Côte d'Ivoire. The National Society also collaborated with the Togolese Red Cross to understudy the latter's strategy of regionalization of projects with the aim of adoption.

Contributing to longer-term impact

The interventions of RCSCI during disasters with the distribution of some relief items have helped in reducing the suffering of the vulnerable people affected by such disasters to certain extent. The health department through its awareness campaigns on good health and good hygiene practices have increased the knowledge of the communities in that regard, thereby contributing to the reduction of diseases among the population. The Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) ToT for West African national societies created an informal network of Red Cross trainers which facilitates experience and outreaching material exchanges. The messages of tolerance and non-violence in conflicts zones have contributed to the relative peace in those communities. While delivering its humanitarian services to the population, the national society ensured the use of quality standards of the Movement. The various trainings received by the Red Cross staff and volunteers enhanced and assisted them in ensuring that these standards are followed during implementation of relief activities.

Looking ahead

Apart from bilateral projects, most of the Federation supported activities planned for 2006-2007 could not be implemented. These activities will be prioritized during the 2008-2009. With the expectation that the strategic development plan would be finalized before mid-year 2008, the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire hopes to scale-up its activities of reducing the suffering of the vulnerable people in the country. While sustaining its partnerships, it hopes donors' response to its appeal in 2008-2009 will increase to enable it effectively carry out the activities planned for 2008-2009.

How we work

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 \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the National Society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Consolidated Response to Appeal MAACI001 - CÔTE D'IVOIRE

TIMEFRAME: 01 Jan 06 to 31 Dec 07

LOCATION: Cote d'Ivoire

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	1,939,323
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	115,055
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	6%

Updated on: 06 Jul 2007

Currency	Amount	Health & Care CHF	Disaster Management CHF	Humanitarian Values CHF	Organisational Development CHF	Coordination & Implementation CHF	Total CHF
BUDGET							
		771,862	450,169	377,848	108,875	230,569	1,939,323
FUNDING							
Opening Balance							
		16,894	-4,752	2,263	15,082		29,487
Income							
Cash contributions							
DFID Partnership	CHF	69,848	24,946		44,902		69,848
Total Cash contributions		24,946			44,902		69,848
Other Income							
Services & Recoveries	CHF	15,720				15,720	15,720
Total Other Income						15,720	15,720
Total Income		24,946			44,902	15,720	85,568
TOTAL FUNDING		41,840	-4,752	2,263	59,984	15,720	115,055
COVERAGE		5%	-1%	1%	55%	7%	6%