

Annual report

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

West Coast

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This report covers the period 01/01/08 to 31/12/08.



Red Cross continued to contribute to improving lives of people in rural communities in the region through its water and sanitation projects. **International Federation**

In brief

Programme purpose: Support the national societies in the region to alleviate the suffering of the vulnerable populations by working within the framework of the Federation's Global Agenda and in line with ARCHI 2010.

Programme(s) summary: This report covers activities carried out by Red Cross national societies of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo in West Coast region with support from the International Federation. Apart from the implementation of some of the activities planned in the 2008 appeal, with support from the Federation, national societies in the region also carried out emergency operations with funding from the DREF. Though activities commenced slowly at the beginning of this reporting year, national societies were able to scale up their humanitarian activities with funding available.

National societies in the West Coast region carried out activities in disaster risk reduction, preparedness as well as responding to some emergencies such as population movement and floods in the region. The Red Cross also scaled up activities in community based capacity building in disaster management. In the area of health and care, the Federation supported the national societies in responding to some cases of epidemic outbreak such cholera, measles, meningitis, avian influenza and polio in the region. Water and sanitation (watsan) activities continued in Côte d'Ivoire while a watsan pilot project has commenced in Nigeria. The Finnish Red Cross funded public health in emergency projects in Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Ghana. The project enters its third year in 2009. The West Coast regional office of the Federation also supported the national societies in the region in their fight against HIV/AIDS. The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) launched its Global Alliance project during 2008 while the Togolese Red Cross continued to get technical support in the preparation of its HIV/AIDS Global Alliance

project proposal. In its efforts to support national societies in strengthening their capacities as well functioning national societies, the Federation in collaboration with other Movement partners supported some national societies in the organization of their general assembly meetings, governance and management workshops, volunteer development and management, strategic development plan as well as other statutory meetings. The Federation ensured its participation in Movement coordination meetings in Nigeria and efforts continued in this regard in Togo and Benin. The West Coast regional office also ensured continued cooperation among the national societies in the region by effectively coordinating the regional group meetings. With support from the zone, national societies in the region continued to promote the activities of the Red Cross through the zone's magazine. The national societies also continued to promote humanitarian values and the fundamental principles of the Movement as part of the Red Cross activities.

Financial situation: The total 2008 budget is **CHF 7,583,410 (USD 6,595,990 or EUR 4,987,446)** of which 37 per cent covered. Expenditure overall was 15 per cent.

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No. of people we help: About 2.3 million people including children directly benefited from secretariat-supported programme interventions in 2008. Staff, members and volunteers of the Red Cross in the region also benefited from trainings and workshops to enhance their capacities.

Our partners: The West Coast regional office worked in close collaboration with other Movement partners to support national societies in the region. The partners are the Swedish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross, and Netherlands Red Cross. Others partners include the ICRC, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, DFID, Swedish Contingency Service Agency (SCSA), Nestlé and Shell. National societies in the region also worked bilaterally with other partners such as the Spanish Red Cross, French Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, British Red Cross and the Swiss Red Cross during this reporting period. They also worked in partnership with other corporate organizations and government agencies in their respective countries. The West Coast regional office will continue to give support to national societies for more potential partners and donors.

Context

The socio-political situation in the region was relatively stable during 2008. Though there were cases of violence in some parts of the region. In the northern part of Ghana, communal clashes led to people fleeing into neighbouring Togo. In the Southern part of Nigeria, the volatile Niger-Delta region continued to be a flash-point thereby making humanitarian activities in the region difficult. The crisis in neighbouring Chad caused the influx of Chadian refugees into Nigeria. With support from the Federation, the ICRC and British Red Cross, the NRCS was able to provide assistance to the refugees. The relative peace recorded in Côte d'Ivoire ensured that the national society was able to take its humanitarian services to the other parts of the country hitherto inaccessible because of the crisis in the country.

The global food crisis is evident in the region. The high cost of living has brought about socio-economic unrest in some countries in the region. People protested the increase in food and fuel prices in Côte d'Ivoire during 2008. The protest paralyzed activities including Red Cross humanitarian service in the country. As a result of the food crisis, national societies in the region with support from the Federation have food security as one of their key priorities in the 2009-2010 plans. The global financial meltdown is contributing to the increase in the cost of living in the region hitherto known for its high poverty rate. Unemployment among the youths and poor infrastructural facilities are all evident in countries in the West Coast region. However, national

societies in the region were able to carry out some of their humanitarian activities to alleviate the suffering of the vulnerable populations during 2008.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme Component 1: Disaster Response

Outcomes

- An RDRT/NDRT database is developed for effective response;
- The capacities of the national societies in the West Coast region to respond to disaster are strengthened.

Achievements

The West Coast regional representation supported some national societies in giving humanitarian assistance to victims of disasters in their countries. The Federation supported the Red Cross of Benin in offering assistance to the victims of fire disaster that occurred in Cotonou in April 2008. The Red Cross provided non-food items 1,000 beneficiaries and assisted 45 families in reconstructing their houses. The Federation also provided support to the national society during the cholera outbreaks in Cotonou and in the north of Benin. Cholera kits were provided and the Red Cross carried out good hygiene sensitization activities in the affected areas. The West Coast office also supported the NRCS in providing relief assistance to the 2,000 Chadian refugees who fled into the Nigerian north-eastern border town of Ngala in February 2008. The Red Cross provided basic non-food items, first aid support and psychological counselling to the refugees. The West Coast office supported the NRCS with logistics during an oil pipeline explosion in Lagos in May 2008. The International Federation also assisted the NRCS in assessing the situation at the on set with the deployment of a FACT team to the region and providing assistance to the Nigerian Bakassi returnees in the south of the country based on the outcomes of the team's assessment. The national society supported a total of 1,400 beneficiaries in four camps across Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria. The beneficiaries were also provided with boreholes and VIP latrines to reduce cases of water related diseases. These operations also assisted the national societies in strengthening the capacities of their members in disaster response as training in intervention during disaster formed part of the activities carried out during the operations.

The International Federation also supported the Red Cross national societies of Benin and Togo during the 2008 flood disaster in the two countries. Federation supported the two national societies in providing assistance to some 10.125 persons affected by the floods. The national societies also strengthened its capacity with the assistance of RDRT trained members during this operation.

The RDRT structure in the region was also enhanced in 2008 with the participation of Red Cross members from the region in RDRT workshops. The impact of the region's RDRT was felt during the floods operations in Benin and Togo. The RDRT members assisted the national societies of Benin and Togo during planning and implementation of activities during the operations. The West Coast office has also commenced finalizing the 2009 DM plans of the national societies in the region. Six national societies from the region had participated in the zone's DM planning and review meeting in Côte d'Ivoire in the last quarter of 2008.

Programme component 2: Disaster Prevention, Risk Reduction and Capacity Building

Outcomes

- National societies in the region have improved capacities to work on disaster risk reduction and mitigation;
- Early alert system is developed;
- The capacities of vulnerable communities are strengthened.

Achievements

The Federation assisted the national societies of Benin, Togo and Nigeria in developing floods contingency plans during this reporting period. This has assisted the national societies in effectively intervening during flood disaster in their respective countries. Côte d'Ivoire has developed a contingency plan in preparation for the country's general elections. Preparation for the restocking of the regional warehouse in Accra commenced towards the end of the 2008. The process is expected to be completed by early 2009.

The West Africa Disaster Management Capacity Building (WADMCB) initiative pilot project has commenced in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. The initiative is funded by the Swedish Contingencies Service Agency (SCSA) with the Swedish Red Cross. The aim of the initiative is to strengthen the capacities of these national societies in disaster management. A broad DM overview course and an assessment as well as follow-up visits were carried out in 2008. The project has got to the planning stage with a strong orientation on community risk management. With support from DFID, the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire has commenced disaster risk reduction activities in schools. The project which started in two selected schools has as objective to sensitize school children on the potential risks in their immediate environment, how to mitigate these identified risks through rehabilitation and prevention activities. The national society has design the IEC materials to be produced and distributed to these schools to assist the children to better understand the project. Other component of the project also includes training in first aid. DFID continued to support the NRCS in strengthening its disaster management capacities during 2008. DFID supported the NRCS in floods preparedness and contingency plan, VCA activities in Benue State, training and forming of National Disaster Response Team (NDRT), Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting workshop, risk reduction training for mothers' club coordinators as well as how to empower women in target communities of Rivers and Imo States.

The Togolese Red Cross with support from the Federation has carried out an Early Warning System (EWS) pilot project in five riverside villages in the prefecture of Lacs. The project aimed at reducing risks associated with floods. An alert system to detect the level of rain water was installed in the five target communities. The project is first of its kind in Togo. With the system in place, 20 Red Cross volunteers in the communities as well as 5 communities' leaders were trained and equipped with megaphone and communication gadgets to sensitize and alert the communities of any potential flood disaster.

With support from the Finnish Red Cross, the West Coast office supported the NRCS in intensifying its Community Based Disaster Management (CBDM). The national society continued to strengthen the capacities of communities to mitigate the effects of air disasters near airports in Nigeria. The NRCS focused its activities on advocacy, training in CBDM emergency first aid, women empowerment and formation of mothers' club in six target communities in Imo and Rivers States starting with the latter. A total of 920 people benefited directly from this project in 2008.

Constraints

Though delay in the availability of funds affected the West Coast programme support to the national societies in the region during the first half of the year, activities scaled up in the second

half of this reporting year. There is the need to get RDRT members actively involved in strengthening DM capacity of their national societies. There is the need to find balance between assistance to minor disaster response and structural DP/RR support to ONS. There is the need for synchronization of DM activities for maximum impact. There is also the need for access to more DP funding for some national societies in the region.

Health and Care

Programme component 1: HIV and AIDS

Outcomes

- HIV and AIDS strategy for the region is developed and implemented;
- The seven national societies in the West Coast region have joined the HIV Global Alliance;
- HIV and AIDS prevalence has reduced substantially among the population in the region.

Achievements

With the regional proposal on Global Alliance for HIV/AIDS developed and streamlined to country needs, The Federation supported the NRCS in launching its HIV/AIDS Global Alliance in 2008. The West Coast regional health team has been giving technical support to the Togolese Red Cross in developing its Global Alliance proposal. The Togolese Red Cross continued to scale up its HIV/AIDS activities with bilateral support.

Programme component 2: Community-based health and first aid

Outcome

The national societies in the region have improved their knowledge in effective CBHP.

Achievements

National societies in the region continued to deliver first aid training to the Red Cross volunteers and members as well as corporate organizations. With the new CBFA training manuals available at national society level, the West Coast health team continued to support national societies in this regard during 2008.

Programme component 3: Health in emergencies

Outcomes

- National societies in the West Coast region are empowered to develop contingency plans for epidemics;
- Service delivery in health emergencies has improved;
- The capacity of vulnerable communities to prevent epidemics is strengthened.

Achievements

The Red Cross national societies of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana continued to intensify their Public Health in Emergency activities during the this reporting year. With funding support from the Finnish Red Cross, the national societies trained their volunteers in meningitis, cholera, diarrhoea and avian influenza community sensitization. In Ghana, 900 Red Cross volunteers from 15 districts were trained while in Côte d'Ivoire, the Red Cross trained 200 volunteers on AI sensitization. The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire also carried out community hygiene and sanitation awareness exercise in some target communities to strengthen their capacities in epidemics prevention. The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire also carried out tetanus sensitization campaign in 2008 and reached out to 23,241 households. With support from the Federation, the national societies of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria carried out meningitis campaigns in the most affected regions in their countries. About 1,100,000 million people directly benefited from

the exercise in the region in 2008. The West Coast health team intensified its support to the national societies in health in emergency. During emergency operations in Nigeria and Benin, the Red Cross volunteers carried out health related awareness activities in the affected communities in the two countries.

Programme component 4: Maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH)

Outcomes

- Maternal and child mortality rate has decreased in the region;
- Mothers' Clubs have improved their knowledge in maternal and child health.

Achievements

National societies of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo continued to intensify their activities towards improved maternal and child health in the region. The national societies of Ghana, Nigeria and Togo continued to strengthen and empower their Mothers' Clubs to contribute to reducing morbidity and mortality in children and mothers. The Federation encouraged and gave technical assistance to the national societies in organizing training and creating awareness among community women on the importance of breast feeding, good nutritional attitude for mother and child as well as good hygiene and sanitation habit.

Programme component 5: Measles and Polio

Outcomes

- Improved mass vaccination campaigns activities are carried out in the region;
- Cases of polio and measles have reduced in Nigeria due to increase in immunization.

Achievements

The NRCS with support from the Federation carried out measles campaign in some northern states of Nigeria during the first half of 2008. The national society also carried out an integrated measles and polio campaign in the southern part of Nigeria during the last quarter of 2008. About 146,162 under 5 children were mobilized out of which 141,349 supported to be immunized. The children were immunized against polio and measles with the distribution of 560,000 insecticide treated bed nets (ITN) donated by the Canadian Red Cross in Cross River State. The Red Cross of Benin and the Ghana Red Cross Society also participated in the integrated measles campaign in their countries. With 184 volunteers mobilized and trained, the Red Cross of Benin was able to reach 129,043 children between the ages of nine to 59 months across the country. In Côte d'Ivoire, the national society mobilized and trained its team of volunteers who carried out sensitization activities in 10 target districts across the country. The trained 500 Red Cross volunteers and 60 supervisors reached 285,315 children out of the targeted 357,261. The national society also distributed ITN in four of these target districts. The Federation continued to encourage national societies in the region to participate in inter-agency coordination committee (ICC) meetings at national level. It supported the NRCS role in the multi agency social mobilization working group in Abuja.

Programme component 6: Malaria

Outcome

Increased net-availability and net-use have reduced malaria cases in the region.

Achievements

The NRCS and the Togolese Red Cross continued to intensify their malaria campaign during 2008 through house-to-house promotion of health needs and increased collaboration with other stakeholders in control activities. With support from the Canadian Red Cross, the NRCS distributed a total of 560,000 long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLTN) to children 0-59 months in the Nigerian southern state of Cross River while the Togolese Red Cross with support from

the Canadian Red Cross distributed 843,800 Insecticide Treated bed Net (ITN) to children within the same age group. The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire also distributed ITN in four target districts during its measles campaign. The Volunteers of these national societies continued to carry out Keep up activities to ensure effective use of the nets.

Programme component 7: Water and Sanitation (Watsan)

Outcomes

- The capacities of the national societies in the region are strengthened to support watsan projects at the community level;
- Access to safe water and sanitation services are improved among vulnerable communities.

Achievements

The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire continued to scale up its water and sanitation (watsan) activities in the country. The construction of public latrines and boreholes continued in target communities during 2008. A total of eight latrines have been completed and four boreholes repaired in 2008. The national society also organized PHAST training sessions for its volunteers who in turn carried out sensitization activities on good hygiene and sanitation practice in target communities. The national society also carried out hygiene and sanitation awareness activities in the target communities. The NRCS has commenced its watsan pilot project in Lagos State. With the project site identified, the NRCS with technical support from the Federation carried out PHAST training for the Red Cross volunteers selected for the project. The national society with the West Coast watsan team also embarked on advocacy visits to target beneficiary communities. The outcome of the visits showed the interest of the people to work with the Red Cross in their communities.

Programme component 8: Avian and Human Influenza pandemic (AHI)

Outcomes

- National societies have developed contingency plans for AHI;
- Increased capacity in AHI disaster preparedness;
- Communities in the region are sensitized on the pandemic.

Achievements

The Red Cross of Benin with support from the Federation carried out Avian Influenza (AI) awareness campaign in eight communities in Benin in February 2008. The outbreak of the epidemic in some communities in Benin during that period necessitated the awareness campaign. About 100 trained Red Cross volunteers reached about 12,000 people with AI messages in these communities and other neighbouring communities.

The human influenza pandemic (H2P) preparedness activities have commenced in Benin, Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria. The NRCS has developed a proposal and budget for its H2P preparedness project. The four national societies from West Coast involved in the H2P preparedness project participated in a workshop on H2P in Dakar in 2008. With technical support from the Federation H2P coordination team, the four national societies are expected to scale up their preparedness activities during the first quarter of 2009 by developing a project proposal and carrying out sensitization meetings with stakeholders.

Constraints

Lack of focal persons for HIV/AIDS, watsan, H2P in some national societies in the region constituted a big challenge in effectively supporting the national societies during 2008. Activities commenced at a low pace at the beginning of the year due to funding constraint. There is also the need for closer collaboration between government agencies and some national societies in the region. This will bring about effective and reliable statistics for implementation of activities.

Organizational Development

Programme component 1: Programme development and management capacity

Outcomes

- National societies in the region have revised and updated their strategic development plans;
- National societies are supported in intensive capacity building project at branch level.

Achievements

The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire (RCCI) finalized work on its strategic development plan 2008-2012 with support from the Federation and the Netherlands Red Cross. The RCCI has since validated the document as basis for the national society's programme planning. During this period, the Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) organized management workshop for its headquarters programmes officers and the regional secretaries including those recruited early in the year. The West Coast regional office supported in facilitating the workshop aimed at enhancing the capacities of the participants in resource mobilization and effective service delivery through efficient programme planning, implementation and reporting.

The GRCS continued to carry out its intensive capacity building activities during 2008. The ICB pilot project is being supported with funding from the Federation ICB Fund-Africa. The national societies formed new chapters and trained members of the newly formed chapters of the Red Cross on the mandate and fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement. The newly created Red Cross chapters have been contributing to improving health and sanitation situation in their various communities through regular environmental sanitation activities.

The Federation organized a financial and reporting workshop for members of the governance and management of the Togolese Red Cross during the first quarter of 2008. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities of the national society in financial systems and procedures as well as reporting.

The West Coast regional office supported the Red Cross of Benin in the area remuneration for two management staff of the national society during this reporting period. The West Coast office supported the RCCI in the remuneration for its volunteer management officer during 2008.

Programme component 2: NS leadership capacities development

Outcomes

- The principles of separation of powers are well understood and respected within each national society in the region;
- Review of the constitutional and legal bases of national societies is supported.

Achievements

With support from the West Coast regional office, good governance workshop was organized for the newly constituted governing board and the management of the NRCS in Abuja during the first half of 2008. The Ghana Red Cross Society also organized the same workshop for members of its governance during this reporting period. The two workshops focused on the roles and responsibilities of members of governance and those of the management.

The Federation also supported the RCCI during its General Assembly meeting in September 2008. During the meeting, a new governing board was elected for the national society and the revised statute of the national society was adopted by delegates at the meeting.

With support from the Federation, the Red Cross of Benin organized a self-assessment workshop at the beginning of the third quarter of 2008. The workshop focused on the national society and its partnerships. The workshop identified the major challenges faced by the national society in its cooperation agreement with partners and clearly established the link between good

governance and management, the existence of relevant community based programmes and services and the ability of a national society to attract local and international partners.

Programme component 3: Volunteer development

Outcome

Volunteers' management development of national societies is supported.

Achievements

The West Coast regional office supported the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire in the establishment of volunteer management development department. The Federation supported in the recruitment of the focal person for volunteer management. West Coast national societies' focal persons were supported to attend a volunteer management workshop in Lomé organized by the OD department of the West and Central Africa zone office. The regional office continued to encourage and advise the national societies in the region on volunteer management and development policy.

The Red Cross of Benin has created its mothers' club structure to strengthen its volunteer base at the community level. Following the success of the structure in Togo, the Red Cross of Benin solicited the assistance of the Togolese Red Cross in the formation of same in Benin. The Togolese Red Cross assisted the Red Cross of Benin by facilitating a workshop in this regard in Benin during 2008.

Constraints

Lack of effective and efficient financial systems and procedures has been a great challenge within the national societies in the region. West Coast office encourages the national societies on the need to improve their systems and procedures. The issue of separation of powers between management and governance still constituted a major challenge within the national societies in the region. There is also the need to encourage national societies on the need for an effective and reliable volunteer policy.

Principles and Values

Programme component 1: Principles and Values

Outcomes

Dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values is strengthened.

Achievements

During 2008, the West Coast continued to encourage national societies in the promotion of humanitarian values and principles of the Movement. Though funding affected support to national societies in this regard, national societies carried out their humanitarian messages to the target populations including schools. The West Coast regional office continued to encourage the national societies in the region on the dissemination of the Movement fundamental principles and humanitarian values.

Programme component 2: Sexual Abuse and Gender-Based Violence

Outcome

Sexual and gender based violence in vulnerable communities has reduced in the region.

Achievements

The Red Cross national societies in the region continued to carry out activities to promote gender tolerance in their countries though with little financial support from Federation. The NRCS continued to organize awareness session on religious tolerance. The RCCI continued to

sensitize communities prone to communal clashes on the need for tolerance and mutual cohabitation.

Constraint

Funding remained a major constraint during this reporting period.

Coordination

Outcomes

- The coordination activities of the West Coast regional office has enhanced service delivery in the region;
- Movement coordination meetings are held in Benin and Togo;
- The capacity of the regional office is strengthened for better and effective coordination in the region.

Achievements

The West Coast regional office continued to work as the coordinating unit in the region. It continued to work with national societies and partners in the region to strengthen coordination, planning and harmonization of activities. During 2008, the regional office participated in all the quarterly coordination meeting of the NRCS in Abuja. The office is currently in discussion with ICRC office in Lomé for a similar coordination meeting with Togolese Red Cross Society, ICRC and partners of the Togolese Red Cross Society. The same is being planned for the Red Cross of Benin.

The regional office held meetings with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on the need for synergy in the area of disaster management in the region. Meetings were also held with UN agencies such as WHO and UNICEF on the need to strengthen partnerships in health and care especially in the eradication of measles, polio as well as improved water and sanitation.

The West Coast regional office coordinated the activities of the West Coast Working Group. The Group is made of presidents and secretaries general of the 7 national societies in the region. During 2008, the regional office worked towards the successful organization of the Group's meetings in 2008. The meetings with the participation of some partners held in Lomé and Dakar deliberated on issues affecting national societies in the region and how to strengthen local and international partnerships as well as effective programme implementation. The regional office also gave technical support to the 7 national societies during preparation for their participation at the Pan African Conference in South Africa in the last quarter of 2008. The West Coast regional office continued to coordinate the organization of the annual regional health meeting of the seven national societies in the region. It also participated actively in the zone DM planning meeting held in November 2009 in Côte d'Ivoire.

To effectively support the national societies in the region in disaster management, a DM delegate was recruited in 2008. The DM delegate who resumed during the third quarter of 2008 has since been supporting the national societies in the region on DM issues.

The West Coast regional office also developed and finalized its plans for national societies in the region for 2009-2010. The regional office has taken over the coordination of Federation supported activities in Sierra Leone. The country delegation closed at the end of March 2008.

Working in partnership

The West Coast regional office continued to work in close collaboration with partners during the 2008. The Irish Red Cross continued to support the West Coast regional office to give adequate

and effective support to national societies' programme implementation. The Finnish Red Cross and DFID continued their support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society in disaster management. DFID also support other countries in the region in DM. The Netherlands Red Cross continued to work in partnership with Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire within the framework of the 8-NS Initiative. The watsan projects in Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire were implemented with support from Shell, Nestlé and the Belgian Red Cross. The Swedish Contingency Service Agency (SCSA) has commenced its disaster management capacity building pilot projects in Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Emergency operations carried out in the region received support from Movement partners such as the Netherlands Red Cross and partners outside the Movement including local partners. The West Coast regional office continued to encourage collaboration with other agencies such as the UN agencies, ECOWAS, local and international NGOs as well as government agencies in the region. The national societies of Nigeria worked with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) during the Chadian refugees operation in Nigeria while the Ghana Red Cross Society maintained its collaboration with National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) and the Ghana Health Service. The Benin Red Cross worked with the Ministry of Health during AI and meningitis campaigns in the country. The Togolese Red Cross continued its bilateral activities with Movement partners and kept its close collaboration with Togolese Government agencies. The Spanish Red Cross continued its bilateral programme on capacity building in DM (DISAO+) with national societies in the region. This collaborative role has impacted positively on the national societies and the vulnerable population in these countries during 2008. The West Coast regional office in collaboration with the ICRC has been holding quarterly coordination meeting with the NRCS on programme development, support and implementation. The same coordination meetings are being worked out for the Togolese Red Cross Society and the Red Cross of Benin.

Contributing to longer-term impact

Most of the activities carried out during 2008 have contributed to building the capacities of national societies in the region for effective humanitarian intervention during disasters. The community based capacity building strategy is also empowering and strengthening the capacities of communities in the region. The various awareness and sensitization activities carried out by the Red Cross volunteers in the area of health and care have been contributing to the reduction in cases of epidemic outbreak. The community people are now increasing their knowledge in good hygiene and sanitation practices. The various regional meetings coordinated by the West Coast regional office is assisting in improving cooperation and collaboration among humanitarian stakeholders in the region with the forum used in sharing experience for better service delivery.

Looking ahead

National societies in the region shall continue to receive the support of the West Coast regional office in community-based capacity building in disaster management and epidemic prevention. National societies shall be encouraged to strengthen local partnership and improve on their revenue generating base as well as community empowerment. The support to national societies in 2009 shall focus more on disaster risk reduction, health education and improved financial systems and procedures in the national societies of the West Coast region. The West Coast regional office shall continue to encourage effective programme planning and implementation as well as good governance. The Federation West Coast office will also encourage and strengthen regional cooperation in humanitarian activities. The West Coast shall continue to give support to the national societies in developing and improving volunteer development policy and management. Support will also be given to them in the promotion of the Red Cross fundamental principles and the celebration of the Red Cross 150th anniversary celebration. The West Coast regional office will continue to work with Movement partners to better support national societies

in the region. The Federation will also continue to support regional meetings of the Red Cross national societies in the region in 2009.

| How we work | |
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| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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| Selected Parameters | |
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| Reporting Timeframe | 2008/1-2008/12 |
| Budget Timeframe | 2008/1-2008/12 |
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| Budget | APPEAL |

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

| | Goal 1: Disaster Management | Goal 2: Health and Care | Goal 3: Capacity Building | Goal 4: Principles and Values | Coordination | TOTAL |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| A. Budget | 1,753,228 | 2,944,113 | 1,080,356 | 1,213,639 | 592,075 | 7,583,410 |
| B. Opening Balance | -48,921 | 168,989 | 132,414 | 2,263 | 253,057 | 507,802 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| <u>Cash contributions</u> | | | | | | |
| Belgium Red Cross (Flanders) (from Belgian Federal Government) | | 219,546 | | | | 219,546 |
| Capacity Building Fund - Africa | | | 89,645 | | | 89,645 |
| DFID Partnership grant | 96,955 | | 932 | | | 97,887 |
| Finnish Red Cross | 18,842 | | | | | 18,842 |
| Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government) | 106,770 | | | | | 106,770 |
| Irish Government | 195,865 | 106,569 | 115,070 | | 198,312 | 615,816 |
| Irish Red Cross | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Nestle | | 343,456 | | | | 343,456 |
| Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government) | 97,612 | | | | | 97,612 |
| Other | -1 | | -932 | | | -933 |
| Shell | | 590,869 | | | | 590,869 |
| Swedish Red Cross | | 44,016 | | | | 44,016 |
| Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government) | | 213,965 | | | 108,973 | 322,938 |
| C1. Cash contributions | 516,043 | 1,518,421 | 204,715 | 0 | 307,284 | 2,546,463 |
| <u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u> | | | | | | |
| American Red Cross | | | | | -329,600 | -329,600 |
| DFID Partnership grant | 98,152 | | | | | 98,152 |
| C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued) | 98,152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -329,600 | -231,448 |
| <u>Inkind Personnel</u> | | | | | | |
| Netherlands Red Cross | 35,133 | | | | | 35,133 |
| C4. Inkind Personnel | 35,133 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,133 |
| <u>Other Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | | | 124 | 124 |
| Services | | -29,543 | | | | -29,543 |
| C5. Other Income | 0 | -29,543 | 0 | 0 | 124 | -29,420 |
| C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5) | 649,327 | 1,488,878 | 204,715 | 0 | -22,192 | 2,320,728 |
| D. Total Funding = B + C | 600,406 | 1,657,867 | 337,129 | 2,263 | 230,865 | 2,828,530 |
| Appeal Coverage | 34% | 56% | 31% | 0% | 39% | 37% |

II. Balance of Funds

| | Goal 1: Disaster Management | Goal 2: Health and Care | Goal 3: Capacity Building | Goal 4: Principles and Values | Coordination | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| B. Opening Balance | -48,921 | 168,989 | 132,414 | 2,263 | 253,057 | 507,802 |
| C. Income | 649,327 | 1,488,878 | 204,715 | 0 | -22,192 | 2,320,728 |
| E. Expenditure | -351,896 | -457,983 | -275,004 | | -89,139 | -1,174,021 |
| F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E) | 248,511 | 1,199,884 | 62,126 | 2,263 | 141,725 | 1,654,509 |

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| Selected Parameters | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Reporting Timeframe | 2008/1-2008/12 |
| Budget Timeframe | 2008/1-2008/12 |
| Appeal | MAA61002 |
| Budget | APPEAL |

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

| Account Groups | Budget | Expenditure | | | | | TOTAL | Variance |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Goal 1: Disaster Management | Goal 2: Health and Care | Goal 3: Capacity Building | Goal 4: Principles and Values | Coordination | | |
| A | | B | | | | | A - B | |
| BUDGET (C) | | 1,753,228 | 2,944,113 | 1,080,356 | 1,213,639 | 592,075 | 7,583,410 | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Food | | | | 2,007 | | | 2,007 | -2,007 |
| Seeds,Plants | 26,377 | | | | | | | 26,377 |
| Water & Sanitation | 136,227 | | | | | | | 136,227 |
| Medical & First Aid | 309,803 | | 2,779 | 392 | | | 3,171 | 306,632 |
| Teaching Materials | 286,084 | | 9,985 | | | | 9,985 | 276,099 |
| Utensils & Tools | 45,000 | | | | | | | 45,000 |
| Other Supplies & Services | 16,633 | | | | | | | 16,633 |
| Total Supplies | 820,124 | | 12,764 | 2,400 | | | 15,164 | 804,961 |
| Land, vehicles & equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 111,413 | | 4,636 | | | | 4,636 | 106,777 |
| Computers & Telecom | 48,113 | | 1,805 | | | | 1,805 | 46,308 |
| Office/Household Furniture & Equipm. | | 3,714 | | 841 | | | 4,555 | -4,555 |
| Total Land, vehicles & equipment | 159,526 | 3,714 | 6,441 | 841 | | | 10,996 | 148,530 |
| Transport & Storage | | | | | | | | |
| Storage | | | | | | 3,254 | 3,254 | -3,254 |
| Distribution & Monitoring | | | | | | 269 | 269 | -269 |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 247,779 | 4,357 | 5,159 | 8,436 | | 48,626 | 66,578 | 181,201 |
| Total Transport & Storage | 247,779 | 4,357 | 5,159 | 8,436 | | 52,149 | 70,101 | 177,679 |
| Personnel | | | | | | | | |
| International Staff | | 53,724 | | 4,523 | | 58,085 | 116,332 | -116,332 |
| National Staff | 370,400 | 24,510 | 47,344 | 54,438 | | 138,677 | 264,968 | 105,432 |
| National Society Staff | 634,630 | 23,465 | 47,915 | 62,656 | | -1,785 | 132,251 | 502,379 |
| Consultants | | | 17,581 | 1,426 | | | 19,006 | -19,006 |
| Total Personnel | 1,005,030 | 101,700 | 112,840 | 123,042 | | 194,976 | 532,558 | 472,473 |
| Workshops & Training | | | | | | | | |
| Workshops & Training | 2,026,756 | 187,570 | 97,962 | 23,269 | | 19,720 | 328,520 | 1,698,235 |
| Total Workshops & Training | 2,026,756 | 187,570 | 97,962 | 23,269 | | 19,720 | 328,520 | 1,698,235 |
| General Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | 741,904 | 27,793 | 76,046 | 26,743 | | 25,336 | 155,919 | 585,986 |
| Information & Public Relation | 1,091,161 | -387 | 41,583 | 9,497 | | 3,068 | 53,763 | 1,037,398 |
| Office Costs | 313,816 | 3,786 | 6,191 | 23,629 | | -10,456 | 23,150 | 290,666 |
| Communications | 112,755 | 1,650 | 5,007 | 4,315 | | 6,310 | 17,282 | 95,473 |
| Professional Fees | 32,772 | | | | | 6,397 | 6,397 | 26,375 |
| Financial Charges | 9,200 | 10,600 | 51,368 | 44,729 | | -174,619 | -67,921 | 77,121 |
| Other General Expenses | 558,623 | 10 | 149 | 48 | | 1,871 | 2,078 | 556,545 |
| Total General Expenditure | 2,860,231 | 43,453 | 180,344 | 108,961 | | -142,092 | 190,666 | 2,669,564 |
| Programme Support | | | | | | | | |
| Program Support | 463,964 | 22,119 | 31,592 | 17,875 | | 5,794 | 77,380 | 386,584 |
| Total Programme Support | 463,964 | 22,119 | 31,592 | 17,875 | | 5,794 | 77,380 | 386,584 |
| Operational Provisions | | | | | | | | |
| Operational Provisions | | -11,016 | 10,881 | -9,820 | | -41,408 | -51,364 | 51,364 |
| Total Operational Provisions | | -11,016 | 10,881 | -9,820 | | -41,408 | -51,364 | 51,364 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D) | 7,583,410 | 351,896 | 457,983 | 275,004 | | 89,139 | 1,174,021 | 6,409,389 |
| VARIANCE (C - D) | | 1,401,332 | 2,486,130 | 805,352 | 1,213,639 | 502,936 | 6,409,389 | |